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Hong Kong's revenue for 1948-49

Hong Kong's revenue for the 1948-49 year totalled HK\$194,933,955, or HK\$326,005, in excess of the Approved Estimates, according to the annual report of the Accountant-General.

The year's expenditure totalled HK\$159,954,023—an increase of HK\$9,669,918 over the original estimate of HK\$150,284,105.

Fire Insurance Co. dividend

The General Manager and Consulting Committee of The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 30, the payment of a dividend of \$11.00 per share, free of tax, absorbing \$440,018, and to carry forward \$46,018.

HK Council of Social Service

Professor Robertson, of Hong University, was elected Chairman of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service at the Council's first meeting this year.

The meeting was presided over by the Right Reverend R.O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, who attended in his capacity as outgoing President.

There was a full attendance of members representing the Colony's welfare organizations, with co-opted members and Government observers. Mrs. H.M. Agate, the Council's Secretary, was present.

Following is the full list of members: Mr. D. Ruttonjee, Mr. R.H. Sutton, Mr. Ng Yan-wing, Mrs. Perry, Miss K. Langford, Mrs. Hart, Dr. Mary King, Mr. Lee Po, Mr. C.G. Liao, Mrs. Helms, Mrs. T.A. Johnston, Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Waller, Mr. H.G. Clarke, Mr. H. King, Mr. Pang Shue Hsien and Miss Shin Tak-hing.

Following are the co-opted members: Right Reverend R.O. Hall, Mr. J. Wickes, Mr. C.Y. Kwan and Reverend R. Ryan.

Following are the Government observers: Mr. Allison, Miss A. M. Ballantine, Miss E.M. Gray and Miss Daphne Ho.

It was decided at the meeting to organize another series of public lectures on social welfare topics, and a sub-committee was appointed to make preparations.

Numerous representatives of social welfare organizations reported on their activities. These included the YMCA, the Family Welfare Society, the Po Leung Kuk and the Society for the Protection of Children.

Reports were also received from the Turf Club Committee and the Housing Society.

It was announced that to date 81 associate members had joined the Council. Arrangements were made for the election of their representatives to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Lee Hah-long sent in his resignation from the Executive Committee owing to absence from the Colony. The Reverend Father Ryan, representing the Society for the Protection of Children, was elected in his place.

The audited accounts for the past year were passed and the budget adopted.

WEDDING

The wedding of Gordon Mackenzie Glencross, Insurance Manager, 687 The Peak, and Miss Betty Reinick, 100, Victoria Road, took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office, presided over by Mr. A. J. Gilford.

COMMANDO PARADE

The 40th Commando Royal Marines parade at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, 11 a.m. tomorrow will be inspected by the Governor.

Revenue exceeded expenditure

Revenue exceeded expenditure by HK\$34,979,932. In addition to HK\$100,355 (from the revaluation of investments to middle market value at March 31, 1949), the year's surplus is HK\$35,080,287.

Main items of revenue were: Earnings and Profits Tax (\$40,255,000); Tobacco Duty (\$10,561,701); Rates (\$14,901,000); Stamp Duties (\$13,989,000); Port Office (\$9,325,000); of which, Postage totalled \$9,097,000; Hydrocarbon Oils Duty (\$8,447,607); Liquor Duty (\$7,000,944); Water Revenue (\$6,312,940); Land Sales (\$5,699,829); Entertainment Tax (\$4,557,071) and Betting and Sweepstake Tax (\$4,734,816).

The Accountant-General's report said that, under the expenditure under Miscellaneous Services accounted largely for the year's excess spending. Net over-expenditure on this head amounted to HK\$27,620,000.

Major items were \$11,586,380 for cost of Salaries and Ex-gratia Awards for the Occupation Period; \$9,788,971 for adjustments of pay arising from the revision of officials' salaries; \$902,236 for payment to the Service Department in respect of Services personnel seconded to the Civil Government for varying periods following the end of the Military Administration; \$688,347 for Re-instatement of Pre-war Deposits; and \$572,800 for the cost of new coins.

An increase in the rates of Cost of Living Allowances accounted for an excess (over the estimate) of \$2,393,700.

One other big excess was \$1,249,045 under the Stores Department for the collection and storage of sand. This was due to the big demand for building purposes. The expenditure, however, was more than offset by the increased revenue.

Pensions Ordinance

Two resolutions relating to ex gratia payments under the Pensions Ordinance, 1949, were approved by the Legislative Council yesterday.

The first resolution authorizes payment to the widows, children and other dependents of officers who died while in the service of the Government during the Japanese occupation of the Colony.

The other provides for additions to pensions in the case of officers permanently injured in the discharge of their duties thus necessitating their earlier retirement.

The second category covers officers injured by injury to health as a result of detention during the Japanese invasion.

Both resolutions were moved by the Solicitor General, Mr. G. E. Strickland, and seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. R. R. Todd.

BRITISH COUNCIL EXHIBITION

Handwriting from Roman times to the present will be illustrated in a unique exhibition to be presented by the British Council next week.

The collection contains specimens of the handwriting of such great persons as Cicero, Erasmus, Shakespeare, Oliver Cromwell, King James II, Samuel Johnson and contemporaries such as George Bernard Shaw, and Sir William Rothenstein.

The exhibition, which opens on Monday, contains examples of quills, steel pens and other materials, and will be displayed in the British Council's new premises on the top floor of Gloucester Building.

Correspondence

1941 BATTLE FOR HONG KONG

Sir, Many of your readers, with a hope, remember me as a columnist in the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald" a few years back—first under the pseudonym of "Paul Pry" and later under my own name.

I am now trying to write a book on the 1941 Battle for Hong Kong, and wonder if some of those who took part in that short-lived struggle would help me get a broader overall picture of the siege and what it meant to us all.

I have already amassed a fair amount of material covering what I might call the Official Side of the picture, and more will be forthcoming.

But it is the experiences, thoughts and reactions of the ordinary person—European and Chinese—volunteer and civilian—man and woman whose task was actually trying, that of passively awaiting the course of events—that I am trying to secure. Short of long accounts of incidents, amusing or otherwise, or say, the evacuation from the Maltland, the horrors around Repulse Bay, and so on will be particularly useful. It seems obvious to me that no account of the Battle for Hong Kong would be complete without such information.

The book will, of course, only cover the period up to, say, the end of December 1941. I realise the picture is incomplete without an account of events occurring after that date, but in the POW, civilian internment camps, but this, I feel, calls for a book in itself, and one preferably written by people with first-hand knowledge of the conditions which prevailed. I would be glad to send me material or background information would confine it to the period covered by my book.

Oh yes, my address. Please write to me.

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With best wishes for the future prosperity and happiness of Hong Kong, I remain,

Yours etc.,
ARTHUR E. GEE.

"MADE IN U.S.A."

Sir, A few days ago I bought for my son a pair of "Western Jeans" which bore labels etc., claiming same to have been "made in U.S.A."

You may imagine my sons disappointment when, on his first trip to the "Western Jeans" was made locally. (And I just learned from friends that false labels and tags with "Made in U.S.A." on locally made dresses are very common nowadays).

Strictly, the label with the "Made in U.S.A." should not be on the dress, but on the tag, and should be an early stop to such unfair practices, because we are no longer under the Mikado now.

Yours etc.,
DISGUSTED.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following have announced their forthcoming weddings:

Prison Officer James Albert Kitchener Wilkinson, of Flat B, Arbuthnot Road, and Miss Helen To, of 37 Nathan Road, third floor.

Mr. Samuel Fook Chai, RN, of HMS Alcester, and Miss Jenny Wong, of 18 Upper Station Street, second floor.

Inquiry into Wing Hing grounding continued

Man Po-cheung, look-out man on the foundered ss. Wing Hing, saw the white light at Chai-long Point weekly flashing the danger signal.

He reported immediately to the Second Officer who replied that he also had seen it. But at that precise moment the ss. Wing Hing went down among rocks in a misty sea at about 1:50 a.m. on February 12.

This was stated in evidence heard in the Marine Court of Inquiry, which is investigating the wrecking of the ss. Wing Hing last month, and the ship's grounding at Chai-long Point.

Man Po-cheung, the look-out man, however, had said that from midnight to 9 a.m. the vessel had been extremely misty with visibility not further than 100 feet. Man Hing, the quartermaster who saw the white light, said that the light was the danger signal, but that he did not see the ship until after the accident.

Earlier in the day Albert Tipu, the chief engineer, stated in evidence that he saw smoke coming from the crew quarters on the night of the accident. In the inquiry, he said the fire may have started from a light in the crew quarters.

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SUMMONS TO BE HEARD IN ABSENCE OF SUN FO

Declaring that the case was essentially one of a civil character and that there was nothing to show that Dr. Sun Fo was trying to impede or defeat the course of Justice, Mr. Hin-shing Lo of Central yesterday decided to hear the summons for maintenance and custody in the absence of Sun Fo.

Custody and maintenance is sought for Sun Joan Sun, alias Lily Sun.

Sir Man-kam Lo is appearing for Sun Fo while Mr. M. A. da Silva is for the applicant, Nancy Nyl, alleged to be the first concubine of Dr. Sun Fo between 1933 and 1937.

Giving his ruling on the point raised as to whether Sun Lo should attend court in person, Mr. Lo said that the present case seemed to be like that of a bastard case where the presence of the defendant is not necessary and the applicant's presence is necessary.

Mr. Silva said that before the opening of the case he would like to draw the magistrate's attention to an article which appeared in the "Shanghai Daily News" of March 7. Mr. Silva said that he did not want to read the contents of the article in court but handed the copy of the translation of the article to the Magistrate.

Mr. Silva said that the paper commented on certain matters concerning the case supposedly directly concerned in this case. They also commented on certain alleged statements of the defendant which are also directly concerned in the matter before the court for inquiry.

Continuing, Mr. Silva said that in his opinion the article, apart from its scurrilous nature, was in contempt of the proceedings of the Court and asked that the article be brought to the attention of the Attorney-General as to whether action should be taken or not.

"For the protection of the public, it is imperative and urgent that proceedings should be taken," said Mr. Silva.

Mr. Silva said that the matters before the court for inquiry are not matters in any way lacking in importance by reason of the fact that the applicant should be successful in the maintenance of the child, the sum of \$10 per week. Mr. Silva submitted that the inquiry was of importance.

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HK'S NEW BUDGET INTRODUCED

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"On the constitutional side I have little to report. After this debate that was held in the Council Chamber, many suggestions and other bodies forwarded to me or published their views on what the constitutional set-up in the Colony should be. All of these I sent to the Secretary of State with my recommendations. As the Secretary of State himself stated in the House of Commons not so long ago, one cannot draw up a constitution overnight, and his officials have been giving it great deal of thought to this matter, which has unfortunately been delayed by the General Election that was held in the United Kingdom last month.

MR. FOLLOWS Record revenue for Hong Kong

"The actual revenue and expenditure for 1949/50 will not be known for some time, but the record estimate of revenue is \$248,523,927. This is a record figure and represents an excess of approximately \$68,250,000 over the original estimate. But this figure does not represent the actual surplus on the year's working as it is partly offset by an increase in expenditure.

"When the estimates were framed, the political horizon was dark and it seemed that trade with China might temporarily come to a standstill. The ban on dealings in gold gave rise to the wildest rumours regarding the future of the Hong Kong dollar. The 'Amethyst' incident and the crossing of the Yangtze by the People's Liberation Army accentuated the feeling of apprehension which was evident among large sections of the population, and a serious exchange crisis developed in May, when the Hong Kong dollar slumped momentarily to right to the U.S. dollar on the free market. It was not long, however, before confidence was restored, and the strong reinforcement of the Hong Kong garrison helped to consolidate the general feeling of reassurance.

"Perhaps not surprisingly in view of these developments, revenue during the first few months of the financial year came in at a rate which was somewhat below that required to realise the estimate which is now alleged to have been unduly low. Moreover, it was then evident that considerable supplementary expenditure would be necessary in connection with the arrival of the relief contingents and for internal security purposes generally. In these circumstances, the position was explained to Heads of Departments. They were asked to curtail their normal expenditure as much as possible, to cut out any which was not absolutely necessary, and to defer expenditure in cases where there was no particular urgency.

Even with the heavy expenditure which has been necessary in connection with security measures, it has proved possible, by exercising strict economy on all normal services, to limit the excess over the approved expenditure figure to \$5,600,000. "Expenditure directly or indirectly related to security measures including of course the cost of the Police and Defence Force, but excluding substantial loan expenditure on police stations and block houses, is expected to be the region of \$32,000,000. It is anticipated that the revised expenditure figure will total \$185,550,253, but it is proposed that a supplementary payment should be made to the 3½ per cent Rehabilitation Loan Sinking Fund, which can be utilised for the purchase of bonds when they can be obtained at a price below par. Such a supplementary payment was always contemplated in a good year, and taking this into consideration, the surplus on the year's working should amount to just under \$58,000,000.

Revenue windfalls

"Revenue did not come in too satisfactorily to start with, but half way through the year it began to reach a better level. Later a tendency developed to pay local duty on goods which normally pass through the Colony in bond. This of course was the result of unsettled conditions generally, and to interruptions in the normal distribution of goods. Receipts from duty on liquor and petroleum products reached quite unexpected levels, and in the case of tobacco the excess over the approved estimate is expected to be about \$17,000,000, which is equal to the total collections in 1948/49. These results, which have been responsible for approximately \$30,000,000 of the surplus, must be regarded as windfalls. They are unlikely to occur again, and indeed collections are tending to fall off, as with more settled conditions, drawbacks are being claimed in an increasing proportion of cases.

"Other factors also came into play to produce the surplus, for as more and more people flocked into Hong Kong, the revenue from such items as royalties from transport companies, entertainment tax, dance hall, liquor duties, bets and sweeps, tax, restaurant meals, tax, water, postal and railway receipts, rose considerably.

"Estimating revenue in these uncertain times is an unenviable task. A few sources of revenue can be estimated with reasonable accuracy, but some of the most important are liable to the most violent fluctuations from year to year, according to political and other developments. For example, receipts from duties in the last four years have varied over a range of more than \$39,000,000, but it is noteworthy that in 1949/50 when there were no windfalls our estimate did not leave much cause for complaint. We must base our estimates of receipts from such duties on probable local consumption. It is certainly not justifiable to gamble on windfalls which may or may not occur as a result of temporary unstable conditions elsewhere. Similarly, in the case of Airport revenue, we cannot pretend to foresee accurately what the future may hold. All that we know is that the air traffic has dropped for the moment to one sixth of the level last August, and we have to decide on a figure which we consider has a reasonable chance of being realised.

"A careful review of all the possibilities has led to the conclusion that it would be unwise to count for the coming year a revenue of more than \$122,000,000 on the present basis of taxation. This is greatly below the figure which we expect to realise for the present year, but it is \$28,000,000 more than we reasonably expected to receive when the present year opened, leaving the grant from His Majesty's Government out of account.

Warning factors

"We have been lucky so far, but it would be unwise to disregard altogether certain factors which seem to serve as a warning against being too optimistic.

"Sales of good during the Chinese New Year Festival were not as satisfactory as in previous years. There seemed indeed to be an air of caution abroad, and money was not being spent as lavishly as in the past. Then the fact that almost the whole of the godown space in the Colony is taken up, and that the banks are forced to refuse to finance further imports unless they are furnished with evidence that storage space will be available, must give rise to a certain degree of concern. I repeat, therefore, that an estimate of more than \$122,000,000 on the present basis of taxation would in my view be imprudent.

"This figure includes a sum of \$250,000 in respect of a new tax on electric signs, draft by-laws in respect of which are now under consideration of the Urban Council. The proposal is to licence neon and other electric signs. Up to 20 square feet the fee will be \$100 per annum. Above this size a further fee of \$100 for each additional 10 square feet will become due.

"Expenditure, as provided for in the estimates, is now printed, totals \$189,051,037, but there is a number of last minute adjustments which it will be necessary to consider in Select Committee. This represents a deficit of \$7,071,557 which may easily be increased in Select Committee to \$7,500,000.

"There are moreover certain liabilities, indeterminate at the present stage, which must be taken into account. There is the question of new piers and reclamations for the ferry service. Everyone is aware that the Star Ferry Company is negotiating for a new franchise with a view to improving their service generally. This will involve new piers on both sides of the harbour, and extensive reclamation. The cost will be very high indeed, and although no decision has been reached as to which party will pay for the piers, the cost of reclamation will certainly have to be met by Government. Now, the new pier, anyway on this side of the harbour, cannot be started until the reclamation has been completed, so if we are to have an improved ferry service, which is so badly needed within a reasonable time, it is very important that work on the reclamation should be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Unfortunately there are a number of difficulties which must be overcome. The telephone cables and one belonging to Cable and Wireless are all brought ashore at this point. It will be necessary to move at least the telephone cables and this will mean that they will have to be lengthened. There is sure to be a good deal of delay in obtaining the necessary cables, but this will be expedited as much as possible.

"In the meantime, it will be necessary to make borings to determine the character of the sea bed. A sum of \$20,000 has been provided for this under Public Works Recurrent but the foundations of the pier will have to be interlocked with the wall of the reclamation, so not very much can be done until the necessary drawings have been prepared.

"If all goes well, however, it may be possible to make a start on the reclamation before the end of the financial year, and in this case the general view will not doubt be that we should find, by supplementary vote, whatever money may be required, rather than delay the commencement of the work until the next financial year.

Proper commitment

"The other commitment for which we may have to find money, under the same heading, is in respect of our contribution towards the cost of the maintenance of the port.

"This is quite distinct from any question of an ordinary defence contribution, and is related solely to the present need for strengthening the various shore fortifications. It is obviously right and proper that this Government should contribute within its means, and the matter has been the subject of negotiation for some little time.

"It is obviously necessary to take into consideration all local expenditure met from Colonial funds which is related directly or indirectly to security and defence. Some items of such local expenditure would normally have been met by the War Department, but have, pending a final settlement, been charged to Colonial funds under a proposal that expenditure on work carried out by the Public Works at the request of the Military Authorities, should rest where it lies. An example of this is the work on two new roads which are now being constructed in the New Territories. The sum of \$1,000,000 was provided in the 1949/50 estimates for the improvement of roads and tracks, and when the Military Authorities expressed the view that the construction of these two new roads was more important, it was agreed that this \$1,000,000 should be made available for the purpose. This has since been supplemented by the sum of \$750,000, and a further \$2,500,000 has been provided in the Estimates for the coming year.

"In the view of this Government, it is necessary in considering the question of the contribution, to take into account the claims of various sorts which still remain unsettled from the last war, and it is hoped that at a conference which is to be held in London during the latter part of April, this aspect of the matter will be given due weight.

"It is proposed that I should attend the conference, as well as the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. F. Nicoll, who is already in London.

"We have therefore a gap of possibly \$7,500,000 to bridge which we know of, and we have two further indeterminate liabilities which may have to be met before the end of the year. We cannot at the present stage even make a rough guess as to the extent of these liabilities, but they may amount to some millions. In these circumstances, Government has regretfully reached the conclusion that it is necessary to impose additional taxation.

Good way from the goal

"It will no doubt be urged that there is no necessity to take such a step, and that the deficit could be met from surplus funds which we have gradually accumulated. This, however, would not be sound finance. The Colony cannot be regarded as reasonably secure until it has reserves amounting to at least a year's revenue. I consider that, in these troublous times, a reserve of one year's revenue is not enough. But even if that may be, we are still a good way from attaining even that goal. Conditions in the world today are such that the economic position of any country can deteriorate seriously almost overnight, and with very little warning. In these circumstances, it would, I submit, be unwise to rely on the reserves which we are just beginning to build up.

"It may also be suggested that we should defer any action in regard to increased taxation in the hope that there will be another windfall such as has occurred during the present year. That also would not be sound finance. It must not be forgotten that Hong Kong represents an island of stability in a sea of political uncertainties. Much of its prosperity depends on the maintenance of a sound currency and proper financial equilibrium. People in the neighbouring countries watch closely how we manage our affairs, and I maintain that we cannot afford to resort to unsound financial practices.

"A third criticism may be that the Public Works programme is too extensive, and that it could be cut down very considerably. To this I would say that the number of desirable and indeed, in some cases, essential works which still remain to be carried out is legion. The cost of schemes of various sorts which were put up for consideration and could not be included was \$26,000,000. This covered work asked for by the Medical, Education, Department, drainage work, road work items, and, in regard to the last mentioned, we are still very far from completing the reconstruction of the hundreds of side streets which have received no attention since 1941, and which now consist more of potholes than surfaces.

"When it is a question of covering a deficit of \$1,000,000 or possibly \$2,000,000, this can be done in a variety of ways, as it is usually possible to find a couple of lakhs—here and half a million there comparatively painlessly by adjusting the rates of some existing long term loans, and by introducing new ones. But where it is necessary to find quite a large amount, there is no alternative but to turn to direct taxation. The choice appears to be limited to an increase in the rate of tax under the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

Cushioning effect

"The greatest yield is derived from the tax on Corporation Profits which would pay the full new rate. As all the different taxes under the Inland Revenue Ordinance are closely inter-connected, it would not be equitable to increase one without bringing the others into line. It is, however, realised that the very high local cost of living, which has unfortunately shown a tendency to increase further of late, affects the individual more severely than the company. In the case of Salaries Tax, therefore, it is proposed to cushion the effect of the increase by providing that the rate of tax should be increased by gradations of three per cent on the 2½ per cent. This means that the standard rate would be reached at the fifth step and double standard rate at the tenth step instead of at the fourth and eighth as at present. In the case of gross incomes of less than \$50,000 per annum, the additional tax payable would amount to 20 per cent of that now paid. This is a person now paying \$200 in tax would in future pay \$40 more. The position of individuals engaged in trade or business, particularly professional men, has also been considered in this connection, and it is proposed to introduce certain concessions in regard to Business Profit Tax.

"Section 10(2) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, which deals with the rental value of a place of residence provided by an employer, has been the source of many complaints, and has also taken up an amount of time both in the office of the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation and in the Inland Revenue Department, quite out of proportion to the very small amount of revenue derived. It is therefore proposed to simplify this subsection to the advantage of the taxpayer.

"Section 6(1) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance provides that where rents are restricted, Property Tax should be charged at one half the standard rate. It is proposed to continue this concession for the present, but half the standard rate will of course become ¼ per cent instead of five per cent.

"The measures should realise some \$12,000,000, of which some \$6,000,000 would be derived from the increase in Corporation Profits Tax.

"The Commissioner of Inland Revenue has made representations in favour of the abolition of the present personal assessment provision contained in Chapter 7. It is generally agreed that full personal assessment would be a more equitable form of direct taxation, but if it is to be equitable, it must be accompanied by the full disclosure of business interests and income from all sources. In Hong Kong, such disclosure would give rise to a number of very serious complications, but on the other hand without these disclosures any system of personal assessment on a voluntary basis would provide a wide-open door for evasion by the dishonest. By the use of aliases, a business with branches may be split into a number of apparently separate businesses with personal allowances being claimed against each.

Tax evasions

"In fact, cases have arisen in which it has been found that a business has been split into say four parts, all carried on in one room.

"By the use of aliases, also, the number of apparent partners may be increased without increasing the actual number. In a recent instance, a business was stated to have 12 partners, but information from another source revealed that there were in fact only three, each of whom used four different names.

"There are difficulties in regard to the registration of the names of partners in Hong Kong, so it is a simple matter to introduce fictitious ones with a view to the evasion of tax. It is impossible for the Commissioner to detect such evasions with any certainty, since it is known that amongst Chinese family partnerships there are constant changes of partners, and there is no means of distinguishing between the honest and the dishonest. Similarly it has been found that resident persons have been introduced as partners, whereas in fact they are merely nominees of non-resident partners, who are carrying on the business in another country. It has also been noticed that the number of partners in many cases tend to go up or down according to the rise and fall in profits.

"There is a further objection to the grant of a right to personal assessment in a system of taxation which does not tax income received from outside the territory. There are many cases in which people are supported by income received from outside the Colony. Under the present system, such persons are liable to full allowances in respect of their dependants and made against income arising inside the Colony, despite the fact that such income may not be used for their support. This is particularly true in the case of Chinese family businesses, which are run in conjunction with interests in the neighbouring areas of China.

"Chapter 7 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance is to be repealed, some compromise will be made, and it is proposed to introduce a new system of taxation which will be based on the principle of taxing income received from outside the Colony. It is proposed to apply the new system to people who

"If the proposed amendments to the Inland Revenue Ordinance are approved, revenue will again be adequate to balance expenditure and depending on the exact form in which the amending Ordinance is enacted, there should be a surplus of several million dollars from which we can meet the two indeterminate liabilities already mentioned.

Least dangerous

"The expenditure figure has again risen \$13,500,000 over the revised estimate for 1949/50, which was itself in excess of the approved estimate. A large part of the increase is, however, accounted for by the much more extensive programme under Public Works Recurrent, which is to cost some \$9,000,000 more than last year. In addition to this, it has been necessary to provide for equipment costing nearly \$1,000,000 under Public Works Special Expenditure, and an additional \$4,000,000 under Public Works Recurrent. It has also been an increase in the Police vote of \$3,000,000.

"There is a crumb of comfort in the fact that the increases have occurred principally in Public Works expenditure. This is the least dangerous form of increase, in that it can be curtailed at any moment.

"It is when the rise occurs in normal departmental expenditure that it becomes a matter of much greater concern, for then it can only be curtailed by extensive retrenchment of staff. The importance of keeping normal departmental expenditure to the lowest level consistent with efficiency has constantly been urged on Heads of Departments, and all estimates have been very carefully scrutinised. Wherever they show an increase this has been unavoidable. To show that this policy has met with a certain degree of success, in actual fact 21 out of 46 Heads of expenditure show a reduction as compared with last year.

"Personal emoluments, which cover basic salaries and expatriation pay only, are estimated at \$48,702,412 to which must be added a figure of \$31,000,000 provided under the Miscellaneous Services Head, in respect of cost of living allowances. Railway cost of living allowances also amount to a further \$720,000. This makes a total of \$80,424,412 in respect of personal emoluments of the Government staff. There are, however, two other items, of \$4,692,000 and \$2,300,000 respectively under the Subventions Head which relate to grants to Grant-aided and Vernacular Schools and to teachers' salaries and cost of living allowances.

Emoluments up

"Total personal emoluments for the Government service show an increase of some \$5,500,000 as compared with last year. This is made up of just more than \$3,000,000 in respect of cost of living allowances which have been increased during the year, and an increase of the basic salaries index of \$2,500,000 in respect of the increase in the establishment of the Police Force which has become necessary. \$250,000 under Medical Department; \$250,000 under Education Department; \$250,000 in respect of staff for the Essential Services Corps and Registration of Persons Scheme; and \$250,000 under the Public Works Department Head. The latter is largely due to the transfer of daily staff to a monthly paid basis and so should be offset next year, when the reorganisation is complete, by a decrease in certain sub-heads under Public Works Recurrent.

"Besides these increases which total something over \$5,500,000, there has been an increase of nearly \$500,000 under the Sanitary Department Head, of \$250,000 which is due to an increase in the number of sanitary coolies and in the provision of overtime. Last year a cut of 200 was made in the Sanitary Department staff, but experience showed that this had been somewhat overdone, and having regard to the steady increase in built-up areas for which street cleaning services had to be provided, a further 100 were added during the year, and a further 100 to the clothing staff, and it became necessary to restore 80 posts of sanitary coolies.

"There has been an increase in the personal emoluments of the Hong Kong Naval Force of \$180,000, and minor increases in certain other departments, such as the Fire Brigade and Social Welfare Department. The increase in the latter is due to an increase in the number of Personal Emoluments, normally they are cancelled out to a great extent by reductions in allowances, etc., when new estimates start at the bottom of the scale.

"But one result of the reorganisation of the Sanitary Department has been to start an increase in the number of staff employed. A further 100 were added during the year, and a further 100 to the clothing staff, and it became necessary to restore 80 posts of sanitary coolies.

Reminders

Today

K'a Men's Luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
HK Singers' rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 2.45 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong Band Call, by Royal Marines, 8 p.m.
Cheero Services Club, informal dance, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon talk on "Marketing in the New Territories" by Mr. Robert Hart, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Club "At Home" for Servicemen, 8 p.m.
Diocesan Boys' School, annual sports meeting, 2 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Winter Drive, 8 p.m.
King George V School, Speech Day, 11 a.m.
British Council weekly film show at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m., special children's show at 4 p.m.
HK Stage Club presents "The Children Hundreds" at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.
Licensing Sessions at Council Chamber, 4 p.m.
Portuguese Mutual Aid Society, annual meeting at Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Inspection of 40 Commando Royal Marines, by the Governor, HK Cricket Club ground, 11 a.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Women's Section, Beginner's Dress-making, 10 a.m.
Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
HK Stage Club presents "The Children Hundreds" at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
Extra Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Mahjong Class, 3 p.m. Tombola, 8 p.m.
HK Stage Club presents "The Children Hundreds" at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY
The H. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party to Stanley, members to assemble at Queen's Pier, 10.30 p.m.
Vocal Recital by Mr. K. L. Ma (baritone), The Gripes, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "History and Exploits of Lutheran Planet", Rev. A. Christenson, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.

and also Cost of Living Allowances, total \$81,855,470 as compared with the figure of \$72,551,098 for the year, which is just below the Public Works expenditure. Special Expenditure, including Public Works Extraordinary and works financed from Colonial Development and Welfare Fund grants, totals \$9,772,155 as compared with \$11,468,520 for 1949/50.

"The temporary departmental staff such as the Custodian of Property and the Department of Supplies and Distribution will still be necessary during the coming year. A further small reduction has been effected in the staff of the Custodian's Department, but nothing much further can be achieved in this direction until it proves possible to close down the department altogether. The cost of the Department of Supplies and Distribution shows a small increase, due to increments and staff changes, but the possibility of effecting some reduction in the staff of the department during the coming year is being explored, and it is hoped that it will then be possible for the Director of the Department of Commerce and Industry to administer it as well as his own department.

Temporary staff

"Some progress has been made in fixing suitable post-war establishments for departments whose work has greatly increased since the war. In consequence, less personnel is now paid from the temporary staff vote, but there is still quite a long way to go before these can be eliminated altogether.

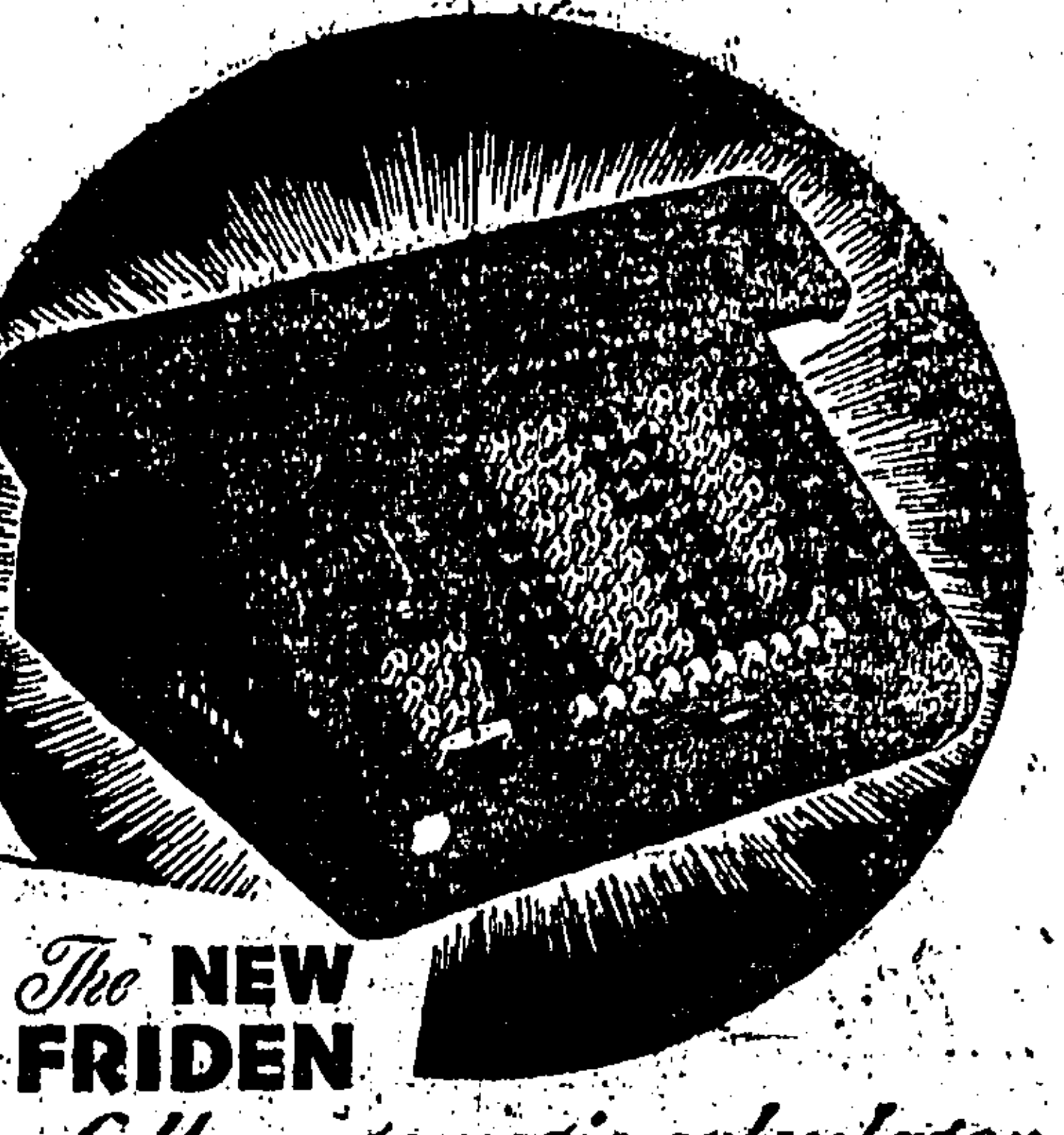
"In the course of my last Budget speech, I announced that Government had decided to set up a committee to consider the whole question of Government transport. For various reasons there was some delay in the settling up of the committee, but it was finally appointed at the end of June under the chairmanship of Mr. C. Blaylock. The committee was a formidable one, as they had to examine in detail the transport requirements of all Government departments. They have submitted several interim reports and their final report was received only three weeks ago. There has not yet been time to consider it fully, as this will involve reference to departments on a number of issues, but the committee have covered the field very fully, and that they have made valuable recommendations which should result in a reduction of 45 vehicles. They found that the existing practice whereby officers use their own cars for journeys on duty and are paid a mileage allowance for such use is wasteful, and to be discontinued. They also suggested that the bulk of the Government transport would be more economically employed in a pool and that vehicles should only be allocated to departments where

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NOTICE

URBAN COUNCIL

1. It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the Sale of Aerated Waters on the Island Beaches" will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, March 17, 1950.

2. Tenders are invited for the sale of Aerated Waters to the public on one or more of the following beaches:

Beach	No. of Structures	Period
Repulse Bay (Main Beach)—North West end.	1	From 1st April, 1950, to 15th October, 1950
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South Bay Beach.	1	
Middle Bay Beach.	1	
Stanley Beach (Stanley Bay).	1	
Stanley (Main Beach, Tytam Bay).	1	
Island Bay Beach (Shek O)—East end.	1	From 1st April, 1950 to 30th November, 1950.
Island Bay Beach (Shek O)—West end.	1	
Big Wave Bay Beach.	1	
Deep Water Bay Beach.	1	
Waterfall Bay Beach.	1	
Little Taihwan Bay Beach (Telegraph Bay).	1	

3. The successful tenderers will be required at their own expense to erect structures of an approved type on sites indicated by the Urban Council.

4. No tender will be considered, unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt to the effect that he has deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$100.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

5. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Treasury a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfillment of the contract.

6. For full particulars and forms of tender, application should be made to the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, Top Floor.

7. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

8. During the period of the contract no other person, other than licensed restaurants, will be allowed to sell Aerated Waters on any of the above beaches.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Urban Council.

March 3, 1950.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF CARMEN MASCARENHAS, late of Canossian Convent, 36, Caine Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Nurse, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, if no claim is made within five years from the 2nd day of March, 1950, being the date of the first publication of this Notice in the Colony of Hong Kong, the balance of funds now in my hands belonging to the estate of the above-named deceased will be transferred to the general revenue of the Colony pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Unclaimed Balances Ordinance No. 5 of 1928.

Dated the 2nd day of March, 1950.

CHRISTOPHER PAUL DALMADA E CASTRO,

Official Administrator and Administrator of the Estate of the above-named deceased
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Thursday, March 30, 1950, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1949.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from March 16 to March 30, 1950, both days inclusive.

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Electricity Supply

NOTICE

The Government of North Borneo is prepared to consider the grant of an exclusive licence to a suitable operator for the supply of electrical energy for domestic and commercial use to the towns of Jesselton, Labuan, Beaufort, Lahad Datu, Tawau, Kudat and Papar. The grant of this licence would be subject to the terms of an Electricity Ordinance which is now being prepared on the usual Colonial model, and the duration of the licence would be for a minimum period of about 20 years commencing on the 1st January, 1951 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

For the operation of the licence the Government of North Borneo would require that the approved undertaker should form a locally registered company; the Government would wish to participate in the share capital of the Company and to have the right of representation on the Board. No proposal will be acceptable unless it provides for taking over, at an agreed valuation, the electrical plant and equipment at present owned and operated by the Government at Jesselton and Labuan.

In the public interest, the Government would require full access to the books of the undertaking, while the licence would stipulate a maximum tariff chargeable to consumers, which would be susceptible of adjustment from time to time during the currency of the licence in the light of the financial position of the undertaking.

Any person interested in the grant of an exclusive licence on the lines mentioned above, is requested to submit his proposals in writing to the Chief Secretary, the Secretariat, Jesselton, North Borneo, not later than 30th June, 1950. Further information regarding the technical and other aspects of this project can be obtained by letter from the Secretariat, North Borneo, but generally it would be preferable in the first instance, by prior arrangement with the Chief Secretary, for any interested person to send a personal representative to Jesselton for preliminary discussions.

NOTICE

1. It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for the erection of tents and the hire of pleasure boats on Beach" will be received by the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, March 17, 1950.

2. Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the following beaches and to erect tents thereon for hire to the public by the hour or by the day, and in respect of Repulse Bay for the right to hire pleasure boats:

Beach	Approximate Number of Tents	Number of Pleasure Boats to be maintained for hire	Period	Upset Price
Repulse Bay (Main Beach) (including hire of boats on Middle Bay, and South Bay).	175	Repulse Bay—40 Middle Bay—15 South Bay—7	From 1st April, 1950 to 15th October, 1950.	\$8,000.
Big Wave Bay	50	NIL	From 1st April, 1950 to 30th November, 1950.	\$1,500.
Shek O (Island Bay)	250	NIL	From 1st April, 1950 to 30th November, 1950.	\$1,500.

Plans of the above beaches, showing these sites, may be seen in the office of the Secretary, Urban Council.

3. Tents must be of an approved type, containing adequate hanging facilities for clothes, and dimensions of not less than 7 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, with an awning in front at least 5 feet long.

4. Each tent to be provided with table, two deck chairs, grass mat and fresh water (if available) at no extra cost.

5. The following maximum charges to be paid by the public will be allowed:

FOR THE HIRE OF TENTS

	Repulse Bay	Big Wave Bay & Shek O (Island Bay)
For a period not exceeding 2 hours	\$2.00	\$3.00
Exceeding 2 hours but not exceeding 3 hours	\$3.00	\$4.00
Exceeding 3 hours but not exceeding 4 hours	\$4.00	\$5.00
Exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 5 hours	\$5.00	\$6.00
Exceeding 5 hours	\$7.00	\$8.00

FOR THE HIRE OF PLEASURE BOATS

For a period not exceeding 1 hour	\$2.00
For every subsequent hour or portion of an hour	\$1.00

6. The tender price should include the provision of a tent for the permanent use of the Government Beach Overseer and/or Inspector.

7. No tender will be considered, unless the person tendering attaches thereto a receipt to the effect that he has deposited with the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$250.00 in respect of each application as a pledge of the bona fides of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Government if such person fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

8. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract containing conditions to be prescribed by the Urban Council, and also to deposit with the Treasury a sum equivalent to one month's rent as security for the due fulfillment of the contract.

9. For full particulars and forms of tender apply at the office of the Secretary, Urban Council, Post Office Building, top floor.

10. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

11. During the period of the contract no other person will be allowed to erect tents on any of the above beaches.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Urban Council.

March 3, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

The following traffic arrangements have been made for the Military Parade H.K. Cricket Ground, Friday, March 10, 1950.

1. Traffic Stoppage.

(a) 09.45 hrs. approx.—20 yds East and West of R.N. Dockyard, Hennessy Rd. to permit entry of Troops.

(b) 10.30 hrs.—Junction of Chater/Murray Roads and Traffic confined to South side of Queen's Road Central at Cricket Pitch until troops have passed.

(c) 12.00 hrs. approx.—as for (b) and stoppage at junction of Jackson Road/D'Voeux Rd.

(d) 12.15 hrs. approx.—as for (a).

2. Reserved Parking.

(a) Queen's Road Central between Garden Road and Jackson Road.

(b) Jackson Road between Chater Road and Queen's Road Central.

(c) Jackson Road on the west side, between Chater Road and Connaught Road.

(d) Chater Road on the South side between Jackson Road and Murray Road and on the north side between Jackson Road and Club Street.

These areas will be reserved between 08.00 hrs. and 12 noon. Overnight parkers to note particularly.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

March 8, 1950.

HONG KONG OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner of the above Society is to be held in the Hong Kong Club at 7.45 p.m. on Saturday, 1st April, 1950.

The Officers of the Society are:

His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G.—President.

H. S. Mok, Esq.—Hon. Treasurer & Secretary (Oxon.)

J. P. Aserappa, Esq.—Hon. Secretary (Cantab.)

Membership is open to men whose names have been at any time on the roll of any college at either University.

Will those wishing to attend the dinner please send their names to either of the Secretaries at "Fairview," 41A Conduit Road, or the Colonial Secretariat, Hong Kong, respectively, as soon as possible before 24th March, 1950.

Further details and tickets will be sent to individuals.

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SHORT SUIT CAN DO IT

WHEN thinking of a squeeze play, most players consider using the last card of some long suit as the one which applies the pressure to its victim or victims. That does not have to be the case however. There are some line-ups in which the squeezing may be done by a card of some shorter suit, after the longer suit has been used up. Indeed, a squeeze can sometimes be executed by the first and only lead of a suit, if it is late enough in the proceedings.

S 5 4
H A 9 4
D K 7 4 2
C K J 8 6
S K J 9 3
H J 8
D J 6
C Q 10 4
3 2

(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)
North: East South West
Pass Pass 1 D Pass
2 C Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT

That was indeed pretty sorry bidding, meaning the second call by both partners with all that surplus strength. But no fault could be found with South's eagle-eyed play.

To avoid leading into the club suit, bid by the dummy, West opened his spade 3, the 8 and 10 going on it. Appraising his spade assets, South went all out for everything in sight, scoring the diamond A, and then the club A and club J finesse while it was

late. Then he proceeded with his plan for a possible squeeze, scoring the club K and noting East's discard of it. He ran the remaining five diamonds, noting that East's six diamonds in order were the encouraging heart 7 and 2, heart 6 and 10 and spade 7 and 8, while West's four were the heart 8 and J, club 10 and spade 9.

He therefore marked West as retaining the spade K-J and club Q for the last three tricks. East's holding now being inconsequential. He had pored his own holdings to the spade 5, heart A and club 8 in dummy, and the spade A-Q and heart 5 in his own hand. So he now made the first and only heart lead of the hand, his 5 to the A. West did not dare get rid of the club Q, which would set up the dummy's 8, so discarded the spade J. That barred the K, which was felled then by a lead of the 5 to the A, and the spade Q raked in the thirteenth trick, producing an unbid grand slam.

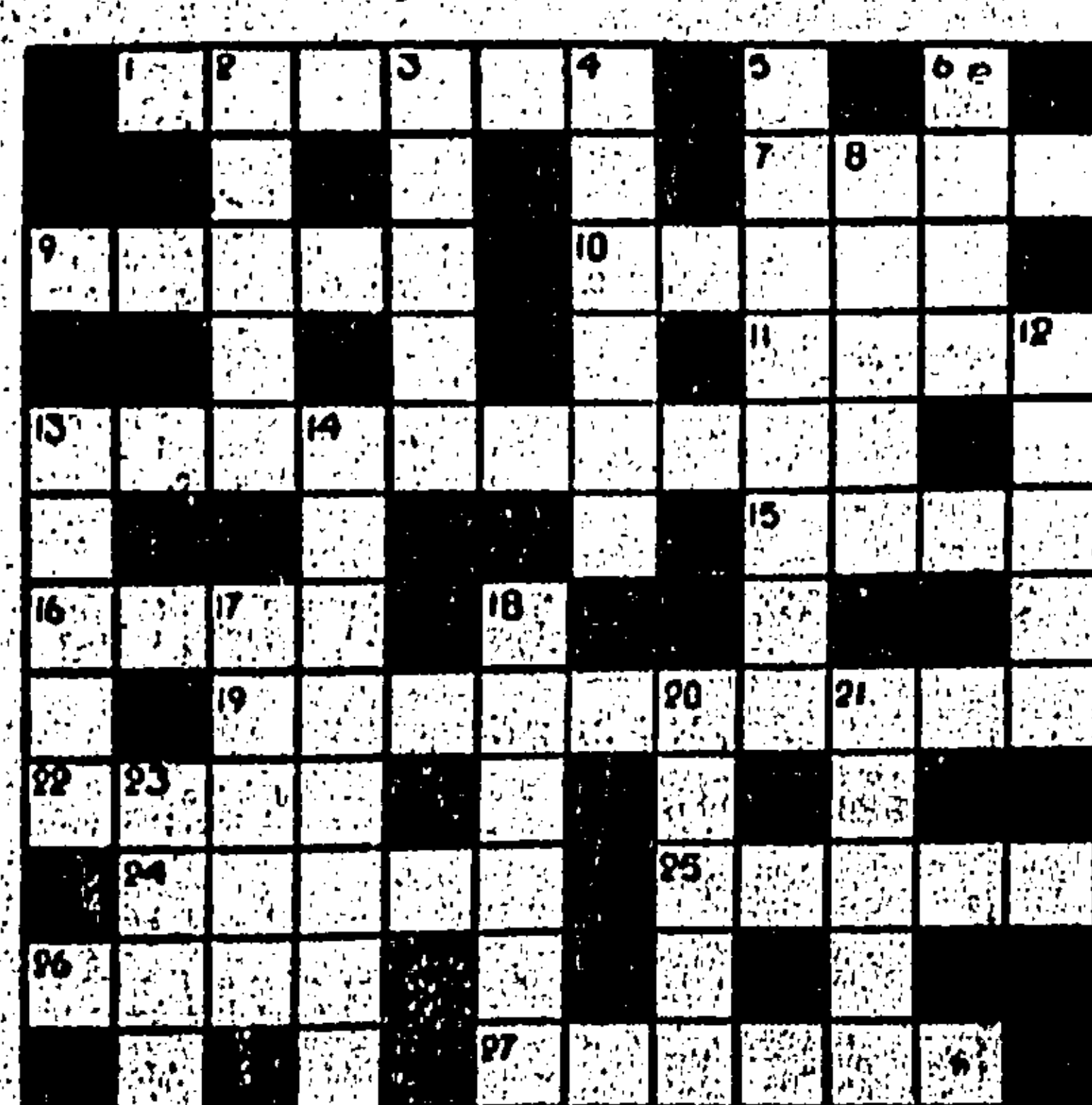
Tomorrow's Problem
S 8 5 4 2
H 9 8 6
D K
C A 9 8 5 3
S Name
H 7
D Q J 10
8 4 3 2
C Q J 10 4

N 9 7 3
W E H A K
S D 7 6
3 K 7 2

S K J 8
H Q J 10 5 4 3 2
D A 5
C 8

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)
What obligations should be observed by West, with his freak hand, if the others bid normally?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Distinction
7 Precious stone
9 Well-known
10 Commonplace
11 Migrate
12 Lin of
13 Tool
14 Agreement
15 Showing
16 Refining
17 Skeleton formation
18 Minute particles
19 Book
20 Conundrum
21 Down
22 Repulse
23 Reached
24 Off-white
25 Become
26 Undertaking
27 Weak
28 Fugacious
29 Sound
30 Abide
31 Lament
32 Shred
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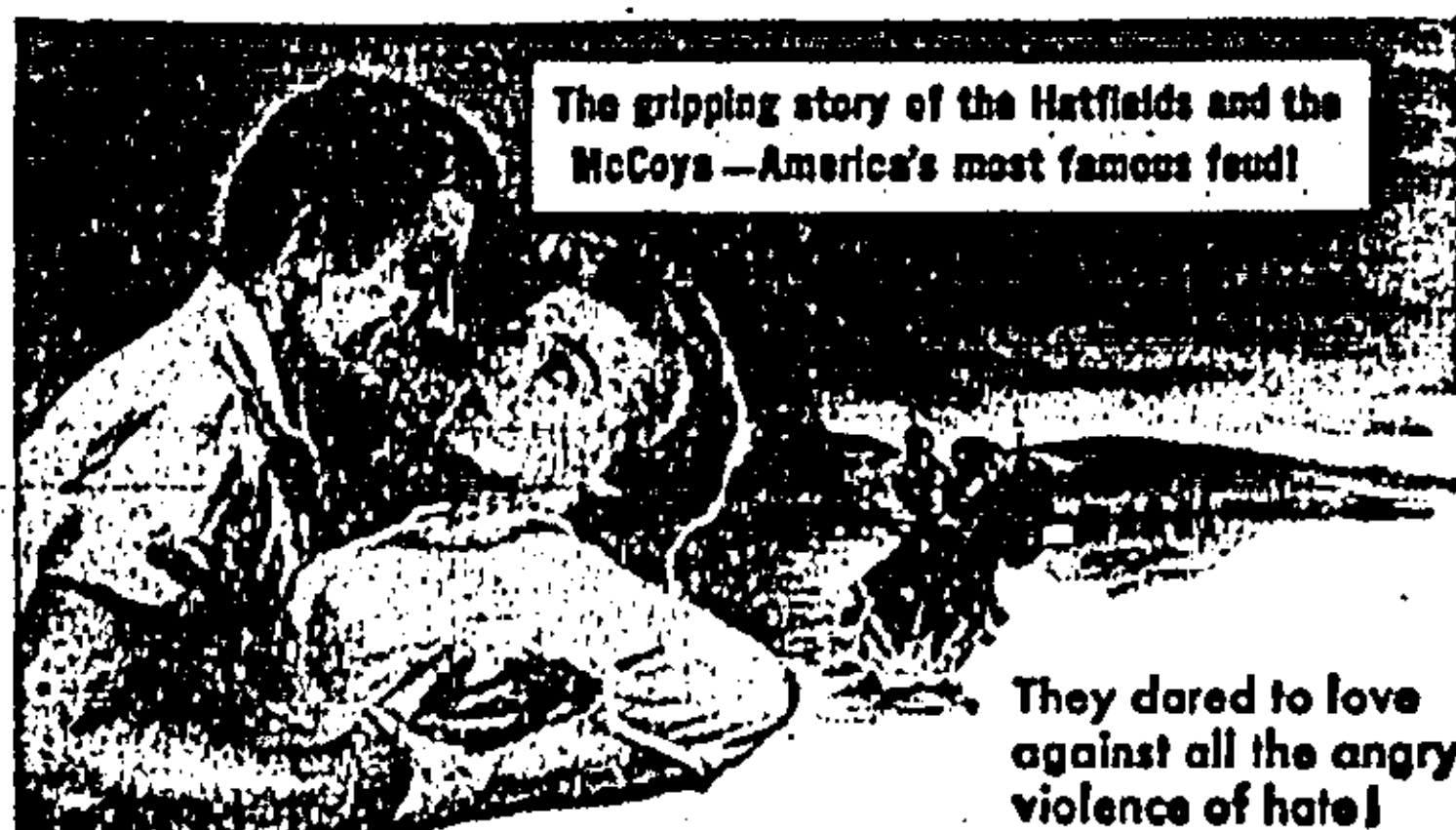
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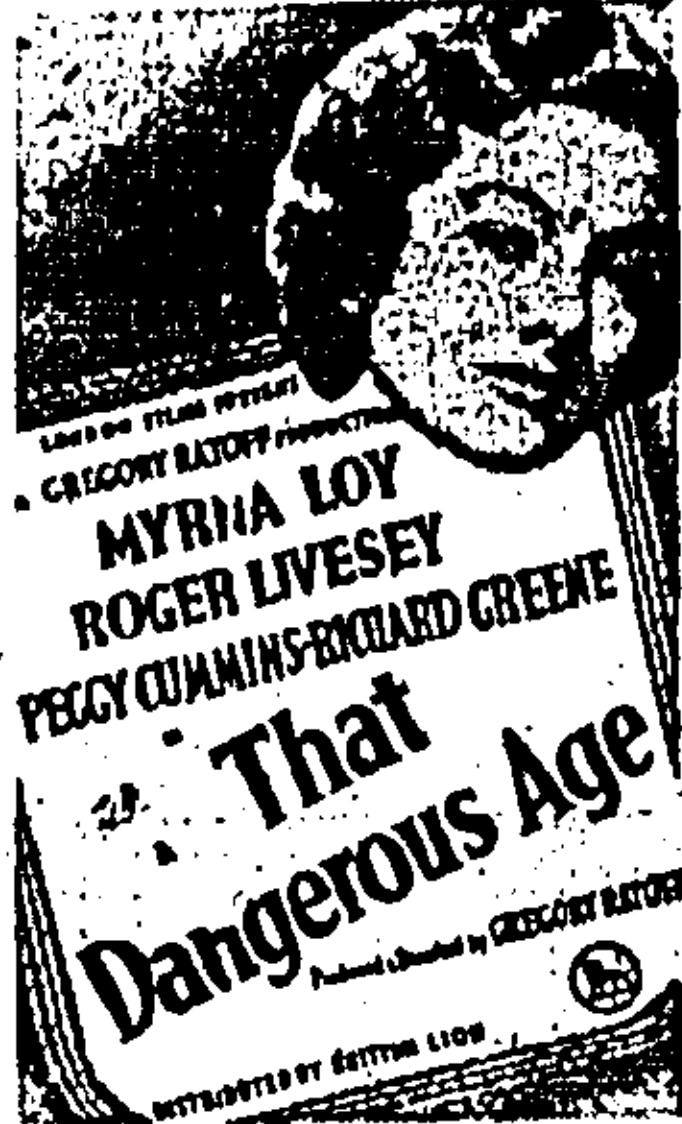
Moscow, March 7.
The Russian Press is giving what seems to be indications that the Soviet Union will give the fullest support to gold as the sole international exchange medium.

The latest issue of the magazine "Economic Questions," organ of the Institute of Economics of the Academy of Sciences, predicted in an article written before last week's decree putting the ruble on a gold basis that the Americans will face a situation in the distant future when devaluation of the dollar will be the only means of re-establishing the ability of U.S. goods to compete in world markets.

Meanwhile, "Pravda," newspaper of the Communist Party, said that the actual value of the American dollar is only a half of its official gold rate. (In 1934, by Presidential proclamation, the value of gold in the United States was fixed at a rate equal to paying \$35 per fine Troy ounce. It has remained at this figure.)—Associated Press.

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PRESTON STURGES

The Indian Socialist leader, Mr. Japirakash Narain, said here today that if all peaceful methods by India fail and Pakistan cannot guarantee justice and security for minorities, the only alternative left is to send Indian forces into East Bengal to protect the Indian minorities there.

Mr. Narain added: "This might sound odd for international behaviour. But, under the existing conditions, this is the sanest, least harmful solution. And if Pakistan takes that as a declaration of war, which it is not meant to be, it cannot be helped."

Mr. Narain, who is General Secretary of the Indian Socialist Party, was addressing the Nagpur Institute of Journalists. He is in favour of international intervention for the protection of minorities provided it is not of a type seen in Indonesia and elsewhere.

Mr. Narain announced that he is meeting the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, who is at present in Calcutta, on Thursday to discuss how best the Indian Socialist Party could co-operate with the Government in facing the situation in East Bengal.

Regretting the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's rejection of Pandit Nehru's proposal for a joint tour of the affected areas, Mr. Narain suggested that the Indian Government should again make the same proposal to Pakistan.

He said that the Indian Government should also place the facts of the case and the methods proposed by India to solve the conflict before the world, particularly India's neighbours.

Mr. Narain added: "If India fails in all these matters then it would be better for our Government to tell Pakistan that if they (Pakistan) were not able to protect minorities, they should take India's or international help for the purpose."

"We in India have been able to give freedom, justice and a sense of security to minorities. If Pakistan does not agree, then there seems to be no other solution possible except to send our own forces into East Bengal to protect the minorities there."

"We do not want to fight against Pakistan. Our forces will only be sent to protect the minorities there."

War advocate

In New Delhi, Mr. R. Chaudhry, Congress Member of the Indian Parliament from Assam, said that he wants India to go to war with Pakistan on the East Pakistan issue.

Speaking during the Budget debate in Parliament, he referred to the situation created by the recent communal disturbances in East Bengal and declared: "In my opinion there is no other solution than war."

In Calcutta, a deputation of 40 members of the West Bengal Legislature urged Jawaharlal Nehru to do something immediately to restore confidence among the Hindu minority in East Bengal.

The State Legislature are understood to have warned Mr. Nehru that it will be difficult to maintain peace in West Bengal (India) unless the Government takes prompt action to remove

the plight of the Hindu minority in East Pakistan.

They are reported also to have told the Prime Minister, who is on a mission of peace, mercy and communal concord, that Calcutta has been peaceful mainly because of his statement in Parliament that all effective steps would be taken by the Indian Government to protect the minority in East Pakistan.

Mr. Nehru is meeting the chief Ministers of the West Bengal, Assam, Bihar and Orissa Provinces tonight.

Other methods demanded

Mr. Nehru, who arrived here yesterday, has been conferring with political leaders, officials and refugees in an attempt to tone up popular morale in West Bengal and neighbouring provinces affected by the reported persecution of Hindus in East Pakistan.

Anxiety over the situation in East Bengal increased following the official Indian protest alleging that the Pakistan Government had drawn an Iron Curtain over the events in the State, discrediting scores of Indian Press correspondents and banning the exodus of refugees to India.

Refugees who called on Mr. Nehru last night told the Prime Minister it was high time that the India Government abandoned the path of negotiations with Pakistan to seek other methods of protecting the life and property of the minorities in East Bengal.

They told Mr. Nehru it was the moral responsibility of the India Government to protect the Hindus of East Bengal who stayed there at the time of the partition, in accordance with India Government's appeal.

The most urgent problem, they said, is to obtain safe passage to India for those who want to leave Pakistan.—Reuter.

BRITISH GRANT TO CYRENAICA

London, March 7.
Britain is to give Cyrenaica a grant-in-aid of £400,000 covering an estimated budget deficiency over the six months from the date on which Cyrenaica was granted limited self-government.

This was announced today in the British Government's supplementary estimates.

Cyrenaica was granted limited self-government in June last year under the Emir Indris el Senussi.—Reuter.

Siamese twin girls born in Tasmania

Sydney, March 7.
Dr. John Star said today that Siamese twin girls joined at the top of their heads were born on Saturday night to Mrs. Erskine Smith near Burnie, Tasmania.

"The joint is about three inches in diameter," Dr. Starr said.

"I cannot see that they can be severed and remain alive."—Associated Press.

"FUCHS CASE ONLY PRELUDE"

Washington, March 7.
Victor Kravchenko, former Russian official here who deserted and wrote "I Chose Freedom," told the House of Representatives' Un-American Activities Committee today, that the Fuchs case in Britain is only a prelude to much still to come about Soviet espionage.

"Every Soviet diplomat has gone through extensive training along these lines, and has had wide experience," he said.

The Committee had called him to find out what he knows about misuse by the Russians of diplomatic privileges during the war. "The Soviets use Communists and fellow travellers in whatever country they are in to better their own aims," he stated.—Reuter.

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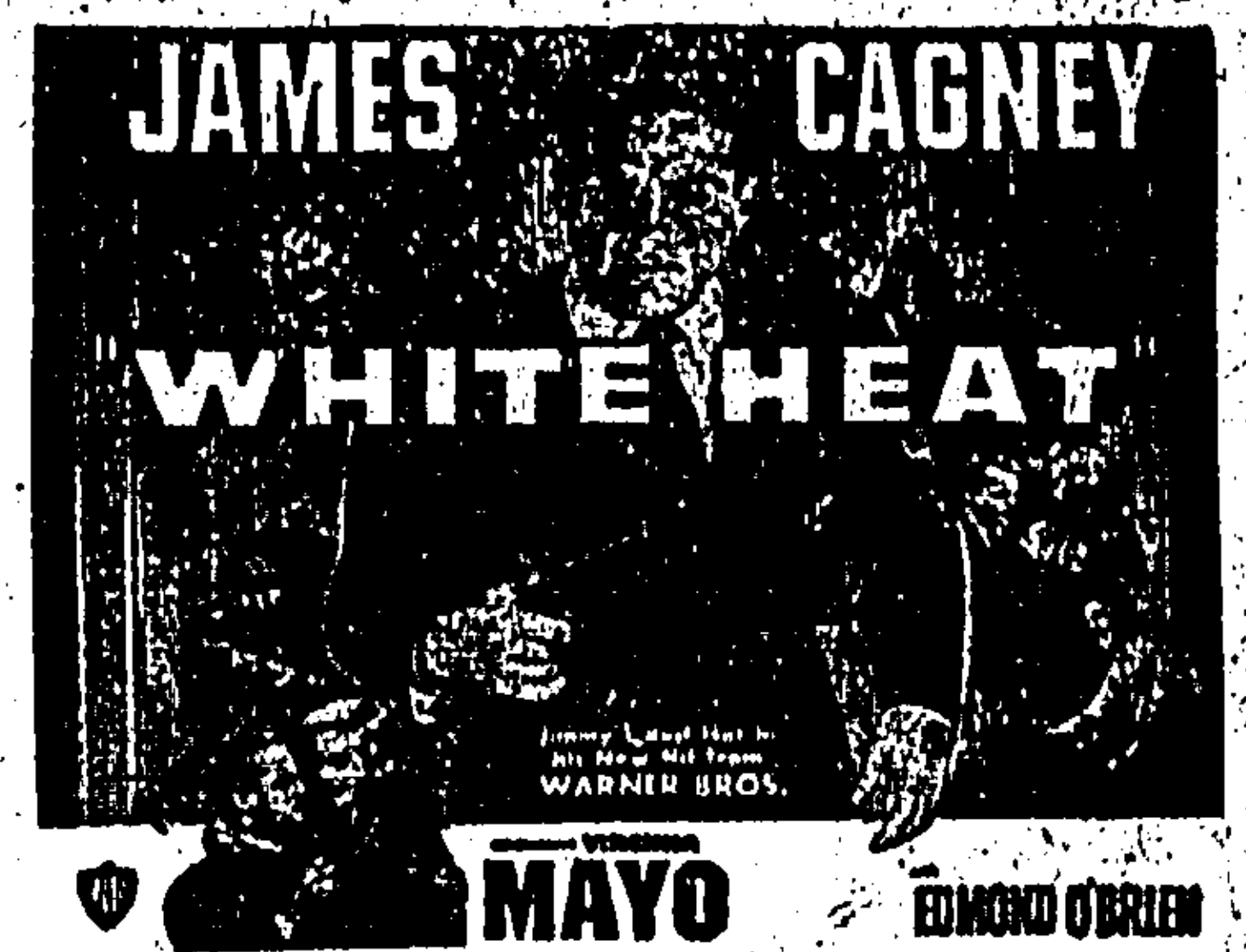
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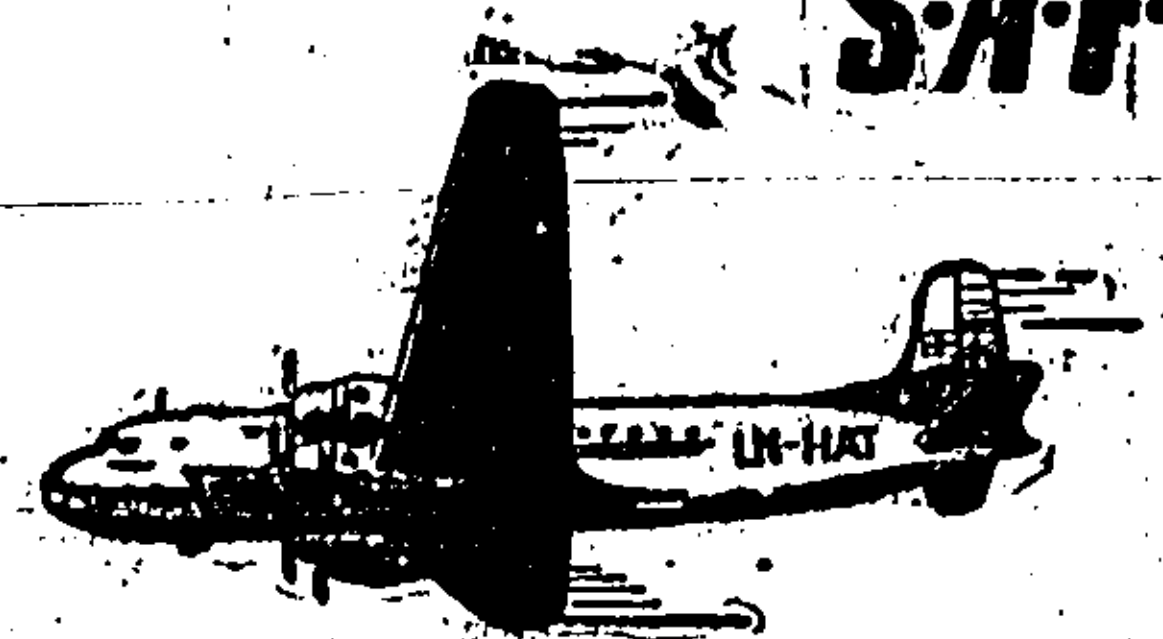
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* A certain British Prime Minister will always be remembered — alike by cynics and by those who dote on high flights of oratory — for his incitement to imagination: "On and on and on, and up and up and up." It reminds us, with less pain than the speeches in the Legislative Council yesterday, that the cost of governing, like that of living, is proof against depression. More money has to be found to finance the Government of the Colony during the ensuing year. We will say this for Governments — they always manage somehow or other to find the money they need.

Once upon a time they did it much after the manner of the Walrus. Indirect taxation was the method. In these days of private austerity and public indulgence, our masters are less sympathetic about our deeper feelings. But if a little more is to go on the income-tax, at least we may think of the delectable Mrs. Wiggs and be thankful that we are so much better off than our fellow-countrymen, whether they be in Britain or, alas, in present-day China.

A Budget is always the occasion for an annual and generally indignant reflection on the vast proportion of expenditure which has to go to those who have to spend the rest. We can readily see head nodding in dismay as they look at the papers today, and note that personal emoluments of Government staff amount to over \$80 million. But it is only the Communists who dream of a time when Governments, and with them public servants, will no longer be necessary. The normal person shrinks from so strange a prospect, even in his most pious moments. But he does nevertheless wish, in an hour of graceless impiety, that the cost was less exacting, and that it would occasionally show a downward trend.

But one must, in these of all times, try to look on the bright side of things. The revised estimate of revenue at more than \$248 million, is a record and exceeds the original estimate by more than \$68 million. The Financial Secretary protested persuasively and without passion of that excess which prompts familiar retort, a gasp and charges that he had deliberately under-estimated revenue and over-estimated expenditure. There had been merely a sensitive response to atmosphere and those who would have those in authority reflected so loyally, the ups and downs to which our own moods are prone in such times, will not bemoan the result. All the more so as in earlier moments the Departments were responsive enough to curtail or defer non-urgent expenditure.

But buoyancy returned, it will be the revised estimate expected to exceed more than \$100 million. A supplementary budget, the Financial Secretary is saying, will

Throughout the African campaign, Paganini proved himself a first-class commander, handling his formations, especially in regrouping, rapidly after an operation, and following up success. He was a splendid military gambler, demonstrating the problems of supply and scornful of opposition. "At first the German High Command, which had been so confident, was shaken by his successes, and were inclined to hold him back. His ardour and daring inflicted grievous disasters upon us; but he deserves the salute which I made to him—and not without some reproaches from the public—in the Chamber of Commons on January 17, 1942, when he had just been given a very daring and skillful opponent against us, and, may I say across the havoc of war, a great general." He also deserves our respect because, although a loyal German soldier, he hated a killer and all his works, and took a personal responsibility for the rescue Germany by displacing the maniac and tyrant. For this he paid the forfeit of his life. In the sombre wars of modern democracy chivalry finds no place. Dull butchers on a gigantic scale and mass, effective, overwhelm all detached sentiment. Still, the tribute paid to Romanini, unfastidious though it was, is judged.

In London, we accepted Wavell's telegram of March 2, predicting the likelihood of any large-scale enemy attack before the end of the summer, on the basis of our action. The Agnelli defile was the kernel of the allocation. If the enemy broke through to Agadalla, Benghazi and everything West of Tobruk would be imperilled. The enemy were impelled to take the good coast road to Benghazi and beyond or using the tracks leading straight to Mechili and Tobruk, which cut off the bulge of desert 200 miles off by 300 miles broad. Taking this route would have the same effect. They captured many thousands of Italians retreating through Benghazi.

It should not have been a matter of surprise to us if Rommel also took the desert route. He had the same intelligence. However, so long as we held the gateway at Agnelli, the enemy was denied the opportunity of being using us in this fashion. There are good positions there, but partly owing to the extension of the front to the East, and partly through the port of Benghazi, Tobruk was not being judged usable, they were not adequately defended.

All this depended upon knowledge not only of the ground, but of the conditions of

Governments, of course, are always being made the protesting subjects of what they like to call windfalls, on the principle, no doubt that it's an ill wind that doesn't bring them any good.

The "quite unexpected levels" which the duties on liquor, tobacco, and petroleum products reached, are brought within this category. In the case of tobacco, the approved estimate is expected to be about \$17 million. Smokers, vexed at the implied displeasure over the unorthodox which they so thoughtlessly confer on finance, will no doubt try to be less regular in their indulgence. In any case, such windfalls, the Council was assured, are unlikely to occur again.

If the surplus of just under \$58 million is realised, the financial year 1950-51 should open with a revenue balance of some \$130 million. Revenue is carefully expected to be no more than \$32 million, but the sign is quickly and philosophically suppressed. Expenditure for the coming year totals a little more than \$18 million, leaving an estimated deficit which may amount to 37% million.

The Council were warned of certain indefinable liabilities in regard to the construction of new piers and reclamation in connection with the harbour ferry service, and in respect of the Goldenja contribution towards the cost of the reconstruction of the Garrison, on which negotiations have been going on for some time. These liabilities may amount to some millions, and therefore—within the tactical discretion of the Government—each Government may decide to

By Winston Churchill

Prime Minister to Gen. Wavell, April 2, 1941.

It seems most desirable to chop the German advance against Cyrenaica. Any rebuff to the Germans would have far-reaching prestige effects. It would be all right to give up ground for the purposes of manoeuvre, but any serious withdrawal from Benghazi would appear most melancholy. I cannot understand how the enemy can have developed any considerable force at the end of this long, waterless coast-road, and I cannot feel that there is at this moment a persistent weight behind his attack in Cyrenaica. If the blow which has come forward against you could be cut off you might have a prolonged cusement. Of course, if they succeed in wandering on, onwards they will gradually destroy the effect of your victories. Have you got a man like O'Connor or Creagh dealing with this frontier problem?

On April 2 the support group of our 2nd Armoured Division was driven out of Agadabia by 69 enemy tanks, and retreated to the Agadabia area, 35 miles to the North-East. The division was ordered to withdraw to the neighbourhood of Benghazi. Our armoured forces under the German

into the camp, and there surrendered.

The missing 3rd Armoured Brigade, now reduced to a dozen tanks, moved on Derna, reputedly because of shortage of petrol and near that place was ambushed and destroyed on the night of April 6. Throughout the operations the German Air Force had had complete air superiority. This contributed in no small degree to the enemy success.

On the night of the 8th the Australians reached Tobruk which had by then been reinforced by sea with a Brigade of the 7th Australian Division from Egypt. The enemy, whose forward troops included parts of the 5th (Light) Panzer Division, one Italian armoured and one infantry Division, took Benghazi on April 12, but made no effort to penetrate the frontier defences of Egypt.

In the early morning of April 6, 1941, German armies invaded British Egypt, following a co-ordinated extensive air attack which at the same time, attacked on the Flac area, where our expeditionary convoys were discharging. That night the port was almost completely wrecked by the blowing up of the British ship Clan Fraser alongside the quay with 200 tons of TNT on board. There was misfortune which made it necessary to divert our supplies to other and minor ports. This attack alone cost us and the Greeks 15 ships, aggregating 45,000 tons.

Henceforward the maintenance of the Allies' armies by sea

Report warfare. So rapid had been our advance, so easy and complete our victories, that these strategic facts were not effectively grasped at this stage. However, a superiority in armour and in quality, rather than numbers, and a reasonable parity in the air would have enabled the better and more lively force to win in a rough-and-tumble in the desert, even if the gate-way had been lost.

None of these conditions were established by the arrangements which were made. We were inferior in the air, and our armour, reasoning which will be explained later, was utterly inadequate, as was also the training and equipment of the troops West of Tobruk.

Inspection tour

On March 17 Generals Wavell and Dill visited Cyrenaica and made a personal inspection. They motored through Antelat to Agadabia and Dill was immediately struck by the wretched state of the roads, the long stretches of desert between Agadabia and Benghazi.

In a telegram on March 18 from Cairo to his deputy at home he said that the outstanding fact was that between the salt-pans East of Agadabia and Benghazi there was no open road, and that other things being equal, the stronger fleet would win. There were no infantry positions on which to fight. Of course, the maintenance problem

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over these vast distances of desert remained, and entirely favoured defence. "Wavell, he said, had been given the defence problem well in hand.

In a conversation with the Australian Staff of General Morshud, whom he met on the way, the CIGS is said to have expressed the opinion that the force looked like getting "a bloody good kicking" if it was ordered "This will not be the only place, either." This latter opinion was not in harmony with any statement he made to do us.

There had been, during March, increasing evidence of the arrival of German troops from Tripoli towards Agheila, and on March 20 Wavell reported that an attack on a limited scale seemed to be in preparation, and that the situation on the Cyrenaica frontier was causing him some anxiety. If our advanced troops were driven from their present positions there would, he said, be a serious possibility of Benghazi losing the country was

attack became disorganised, and there were serious losses. The message ended: "Orders have been given for demolitions in Benghazi."

General Wavell flew to the front on the 3rd, and reported on his return that a large part of the armoured brigade had been over-run and disorganised by superior German tanks. This would uncover the left flank of the 8th Australian Division (East and North-East of Benghazi). "Their withdrawal may be necessary." In consequence of the enemy's strength in Libya, he said, the 7th Armoured Division would have to be moved to Greece, but must move to the Western Desert instead. The 6th British Division, still incomplete, must become the reserve.

"This will involve the postponement of the attack on Rhodes."

Flank crumples

Thus at a single stroke and

continued against an increasing scale of air attack, to which an effective counter could be made. The key to the problem at present was to overcome the enemy's advantages in Rhodes, but no adequate forces were available for such task, and meanwhile heavy shipping losses were certain.

It was fortunate that the recent Battle of Matapan had, as Admiral Cunningham stated in his dispatch, taught the Italian Fleet a lesson which kept them out of action for the rest of the war. Their active intervention during this period would have made the Navy's task in Greece impossible.

Simultaneously with the ferocious bombardment of Belgium the converging German armies already poised on the frontier invaded Yugoslavia from several directions. The Yugoslav General Staff did not attempt to strike their one deadly blow, the Italian rear. They considered themselves bound not to abandon Croatia and Slovenia

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'Rings' trade?
Correspondent revives the complaints about difficulty in getting telephones. He and others who have waited for years should take comfort from all those new hotels, office blocks, luxury flats, etc., none of which have a phone, poor things.

Grenade thrown into Singapore newspaper office.
In Hong Kong we can still thank Heaven that our most explosive deliveries are letters to the editor.

'What can we expect after the H-bomb?'
A dead-end, awful mess.

Mr. Stuchey is puzzled by the black pit volunteers for the British Army.
What about paying them a good salary? Or giving them a coolie's, of course - but say about half.

Having listened to that very able radio talk, I am left with the impression that the public who are at fault when the weather forecasts are wrong.

American satellite has flown 50,000 miles in nationalistic, anti-carving aircraft.
You only think you've travelled that far.

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India's Socialist leader says that sending an armed force into Eastland may be the "safest, least harmful solution."

"This might sound odd for international behaviour," he adds. Odd? Not at all. He forgets this generation was brought up on Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

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"Parole open to all Jap-war criminals."

They are not yet, however being encouraged to form their own political party.

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"My husband is so jealous."

"How absurd!"

"Why, isn't yours?"

"Of course not."

"How humiliating!"

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Mr. Attlee says nobody can be blamed for not suspecting Fuch's espionage activities. It was just that nobody told the security officers.

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These Siamese twins born to the wife of a woodcutter made him cut up rough.

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"Americans asked to end China blockade."

But, er, isn't the Nationalists...

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Myrtle's boy friends often compare her with Lee—she melts so quickly.

and were therefore forced to attempt the defence of the whole frontier line.

The four Yugoslav Army Corps in the North were rapidly and irresistibly being lawed by the German armoured columns supported by Hungarian troops which crossed the Danube and by German and Italian forces advancing towards Zagreb. The main Yugoslav forces were thus driven in confusion Southwards and on April 12 German troops entered Belgrade.

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CHURCHILL CHALLENGE ON THE STEEL ISSUE

Government stand supported by the Liberal leader

London, March 7.
Mr. Winston Churchill today challenged the Labour Government to postpone nationalisation of the steel industry.

He asked for the date for taking over steel to be not less than nine months after the next General Election.

Otherwise, he said, the Conservatives would vote in strength for their amendment.

LITTLE BLOCKADE ON AGAIN

Berlin, March 7.

The Russians resumed their little blockade of Berlin today while Communist youths voiced their determination to demonstrate in West Berlin on May 27-30 despite the Allied ban.

Travellers piled up again at the East-West border point of Helmstedt, held up by rigid Soviet inspections of papers and cargo.

Sir Brian Robertson, the British High Commissioner in Germany, has no concern at the possibility of a threat to public order through the four sectors of Berlin.

He told reporters today that the Allies will give help if the Germans ask for it.

"I do not consider it serious that a lot of young Germans should be encouraged to kick their heels up in the streets, dressed in uniforms and parading in military formation. This is a reversion to the Hitlerite formula."

"I know, of course, that the great majority of these young people will not have the slightest idea what it is all about, but it is a pity that they should allow themselves to be fooled in this way."

Sir Brian also said that the situation in Berlin cannot be said to be satisfactory. The city is subject to propaganda about peace and German unity which conceals quite different motives.

What Berlin needs more than anything else is business for her factories.

"I think the time has come when merchants in other countries should be brought to understand the importance of sustaining the Berlin economy and be encouraged by practical means to place their orders there."

He suggested that this should be done through the machinery of the Marshall Plan.—United Press and Reuter.

U.S. PROTEST TO RUMANIA

Washington, March 7.

The United States today protested to Rumania against its order closing the American information office in Bucharest, and the State Department hinted that the United States might retaliate by suppressing Rumania's propaganda activities in the United States.

The American note to the Bucharest Foreign Office said the United States is astonished at Rumania's action. The note demanded that Rumania state in writing whether it objects to diplomatic missions carrying out information and cultural activities, and if so, whether Rumania intends to cease these activities on the part of its diplomatic representatives in the United States.

United Press.

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Expressing regret that no mention of steel was made in the King's Speech, Mr. Churchill said that such an amendment, if passed, could topple the Government.

Earlier in his speech Mr. Churchill surprised the House of Commons by suggesting that a Parliamentary committee should investigate electoral reform.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, promptly rejected this.

He said that such a committee would be un-Parliamentary and unconstitutional.

Mr. Churchill said, "We must not be blind to the anomaly that has brought to this House of Commons 180 representatives who are returned only by a minority of those who voted in their constituencies."

Liberals attacked

Mr. Churchill, who now heads the strongest British Parliamentary Opposition for many years, attacked the Liberals.

He said it had been too readily assumed by the nine Liberals that they would have a position of undue influence.

"We don't wish to emulate some foreign Parliaments where small Parliamentary parties are able, by putting themselves in the balance, to sway the course of considerable events," he said.

It was by no means certain that another election held within a few months would remove the conditions of deadlock which now prevail, Mr. Churchill stated.

Mr. Churchill went on to say that there is also a danger that further devaluation may become necessary.

"The restoration of the Pound Sterling at home and abroad and the re-establishment of confidence and credit will not take place as long as there is a Government in office which is known to be animated by bitter hostility to the accumulated wealth and the declared enemy of the capitalist system."

"Unfair debts"

Mr. Churchill described the Sterling balances as unfair British wartime debts.

In a brief reference to these balances, he said, "I do not attempt to argue now the merits of the so-called Sterling balances or the repayment of unfair British wartime debts, as they are in fact, though I should be quite prepared to do so on a suitable occasion."

British labour, he said, had to work one-third longer hours to get the same imports as before because of these balances.

Pointing to the Government benches, Mr. Churchill said scornfully, "You call yourselves the Labour Party—and that does not even strike a note in your breasts."

Morrison's reply

Mr. Morrison, rejecting Mr. Churchill's suggestion that there be an investigation of the electoral reform said, "If the electoral system is to be reformed, there ought to be a mandate for that from the electors."

"In my view the system of mathematical representation has proved a great evil to countries in Europe," Mr. Morrison declared.

He condemned the efforts of Tory (Conservative) leaders to deny the Liberal Party the right to fight the Election.

If a committee of inquiry would help the Liberals, but damage the Conservatives, Mr. Churchill would certainly reject them, Mr. Morrison contended.

Mr. Morrison described as a quaint idea Mr. Churchill's suggestion that nothing must be done about iron and steel until another General Election has taken place.

in a year and that the steel industry should be thus put in a position of uncertainty.

Liberals back labour

Mr. Clement Davies, the Liberal leader, supported Mr. Churchill's suggestion of a meeting of Britain, Russia and the United States on the atom and hydrogen bombs.

He asked why the Conservatives had brought the iron and steel issue before the House at this moment.

Nothing could be done under the Nationalisation Act until next August and an effective matter could be undertaken until January, 1951, he said.

(This indicated Liberal support of labour.)

The holding of another General Election immediately or within the next two or three months was unthinkable.

Mr. Davies also thought that the time had come that many powers now exercised by the over-worked House of Commons should be transferred to the local parliaments.—Reuter.

FRENCH STRIKE POSITION

Paris, March 7.

The strike situation in France, with 300,000 to 400,000 men estimated to be idle in different industries, shows no worsening today.

More men returned to work in the Paris bus and underground strike in which only the Communist union is participating officially.

In the dispute of 150,000 Paris metal workers with their managements, both sides have agreed to accept conciliation machinery.

The textile industry is not affected on a national scale. In Lille, only 7,000 out of a total number of 27,000 employees are out.

But a strike threatens the gas and electric power industry. The authorities on the whole do not expect prolonged nationwide industrial trouble at present.

Thousands of Parisian workers cycled, walked and hitch-hiked to work again today, though the Paris Transport Corporation reported an overall improvement in the strike which is crippling the French capital's public services.

Non-Communist trade unionists are trickling back to work and the Motor (Paris) underground services are almost normal.

Strikes in the motorcar industry and at the Paris airfields of Le Bourget and Orly are unchanged.

With airfield ground workers out, trans-Atlantic and other long distance flights were cancelled.

The three non-Communist transport unions are making a final effort to agree on wages and a bonus with the Government.—Reuter.

BAD NEWS FOR BRITONS

London, March 7.

The Board of Trade announced tonight that the prices for most cotton cloth and household textiles will rise five to 10 per cent later this month.

The increase results from rises in the prices of raw materials as a result of the devaluation of Sterling.

The Board of Trade announcement said that the increases in prices of finished garments should be less—in many cases much less—than the increases in cloth prices.—Reuter.

SWEDISH SHIPS CAPTURED BY REDS

Stockholm, March 7.

The Swedish Government takes an extremely serious view of the capture by the Russians of Swedish fishing ships in the Baltic, the Swedish Foreign Minister, Gester Unden, said today.

The statement came amidst mounting claims among Swedish fishermen for naval escorts to prevent further seizures of their ships.

The Foreign Minister told Elov Hallstrom, head of a deep sea fishing organisation that the Swedish Government is especially embarrassed by the lack of information from the Russians on the purported extension of Russian territorial waters.

"The Soviet Union seems to desire to apply the same 12-mile limit as along its Asiatic coast. Such a wide limit is historically unwarranted in the Baltic," Mr. Unden said.

"It is especially outrageous that such a long time is allowed to pass before we get any information regarding the fate of the ships," he said.

"The relatives of the crews are being left in the dark for weeks. We will take up that question too."

The statement of the Foreign Minister was caused by the Russian capture and subsequent detention for two weeks of two Swedish trawlers Marion and Laxen.

The Captains of the two ships told reporters yesterday upon their release that they had been boarded by a Russian mine-sweeper some 30 nautical miles outside Russian-held Eastern Prussia.

They had been forced at pistol point to take their ships to a Russian harbour and had been questioned day and night for two weeks on Russian charges of espionage.

The Swedish Foreign Office is making new enquiries following reports of the disappearance of two other Swedish ships, also claimed to have been captured by the Russians.—Associated Press.

Claims by Ex-POW's

Washington, March 7.

The Philippine Former Political Prisoners Association revealed today it is asking at least \$35,627,000 from Congress for personal injuries and personal property losses its members suffered in the Japanese invasion.

Further claims may be presented for damage to real estate. The Association submitted claims to the War Claims Commission. The Association is not included in the scope of Claims Commission payments now being made.

The Association attorney, Harlan Wood, said 31,545 members were detained or gaoled by the Japanese for a total of 5,224,107 days.

The Commission feels it is unable to complete the report on these and other categories of claims by March 31. As a result, Congress is being asked to extend the time by nine months.

If the Commission fails to recommend that Association members be granted damages, Mr. Wood will take the case directly to Congress.—Associated Press.

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII

Washington, March 7.

The House of Representatives, with only a few dissenters, today passed a bill to make Hawaii, Pacific Island, Paradise, the fiftieth State of the United States.

The 49th would be Alaska for which the House passed a bill last Friday.

Both bills must now go to the Senate.—Reuter.

Princess expecting a second child?

New York, March 7.

Reports received here from London today said that Princess Elizabeth is expecting a second child.

While Buckingham Palace may issue a routine denial, reports reaching here said the Princess will probably give birth to her second child in later summer or early autumn.

The 23-year-old Princess is reported to have started shopping for a new wardrobe of maternity clothes. Her first child, Prince Charles, was born in Buckingham Palace just 16 months ago—one year after Elizabeth's marriage to the Duke of Edinburgh. The approaching birth of her first child was announced by the Palace five months before Charles was born. If the new announcement follows the same time-table, it should come soon.

Princess Elizabeth left her baby for the first time today to Malta to be with her husband, a naval officer, on their second wedding anniversary on November 20.—United Press.

PEKING ATTACK ON THE USIS

San Francisco, March 7.

The Chinese Communist radio today described United States Information Service establishments abroad as Trojan horses.

From these offices, it said, espionage is organised, and every sort of malicious slander fabricated.

Commenting on the \$30,500,000 item for international information and educational activities in the United States budget, the radio said the earmarking of this sum is merely a very thinly veiled method of strengthening America's international espionage activities.

"Mr. Acheson made it very clear when he spoke to the Senate Appropriations Committee on February 28 that this sum would be used to counter the growing sentiment of the peoples of various countries who are opposed to America's aggressive aims."

"And he described these dollars as some of the most productive funds spent in foreign relations."

It continued: "It has been observed that during the recent past, the so-called 'information services' of the State Department have had very little to do with what is usually understood to be information."

"They are centres from which espionage is organised and every sort of malicious slander fabricated."

The radio said: "The knowledge that the State Department intends to spend, publicly, a further \$30,500,000 on such services will only serve to increase the vigilance of the peace-loving peoples everywhere, and put them still more on their guard against these Trojan horses of the State Department."—United Press.

DEPORTATIONS FROM MALAYA

Singapore, March 7.

The Malayan authorities deported 198 people, including 10 British subjects, last month under the emergency regulations, an official announcement stated.

Total deportations under these regulations now total 3,082 aliens and 110 British subjects.

In the past two months 85 orders of banishment have been issued, bringing the total to 350, the announcement added.—

STRACHEY WARNING ON ARMY

London, March 7.

The War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, today warned that Britain will find it increasingly difficult to maintain an efficient army in 1951 and 1952 unless recruiting can be increased.

In a memorandum on the Army estimates, Mr. Strachey said that only 18,400 volunteers were enlisted on normal engagements during 1949.

Owing to the lack of recruits it had been essential to use National Servicemen in all theatres overseas.

The Army estimates, totalling £229,000,000 showed a net decrease of £5,000,000 for the year. The reductions were partly counteracted by additional costs arising out of the situation in Hong Kong and Malaya.

The Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, disclosed that Britain's financial outlay under the Atlantic and Brussels treaties is estimated at £110,000,000. The total includes a new Directorate of Scientific Intelligence.—Reuter.

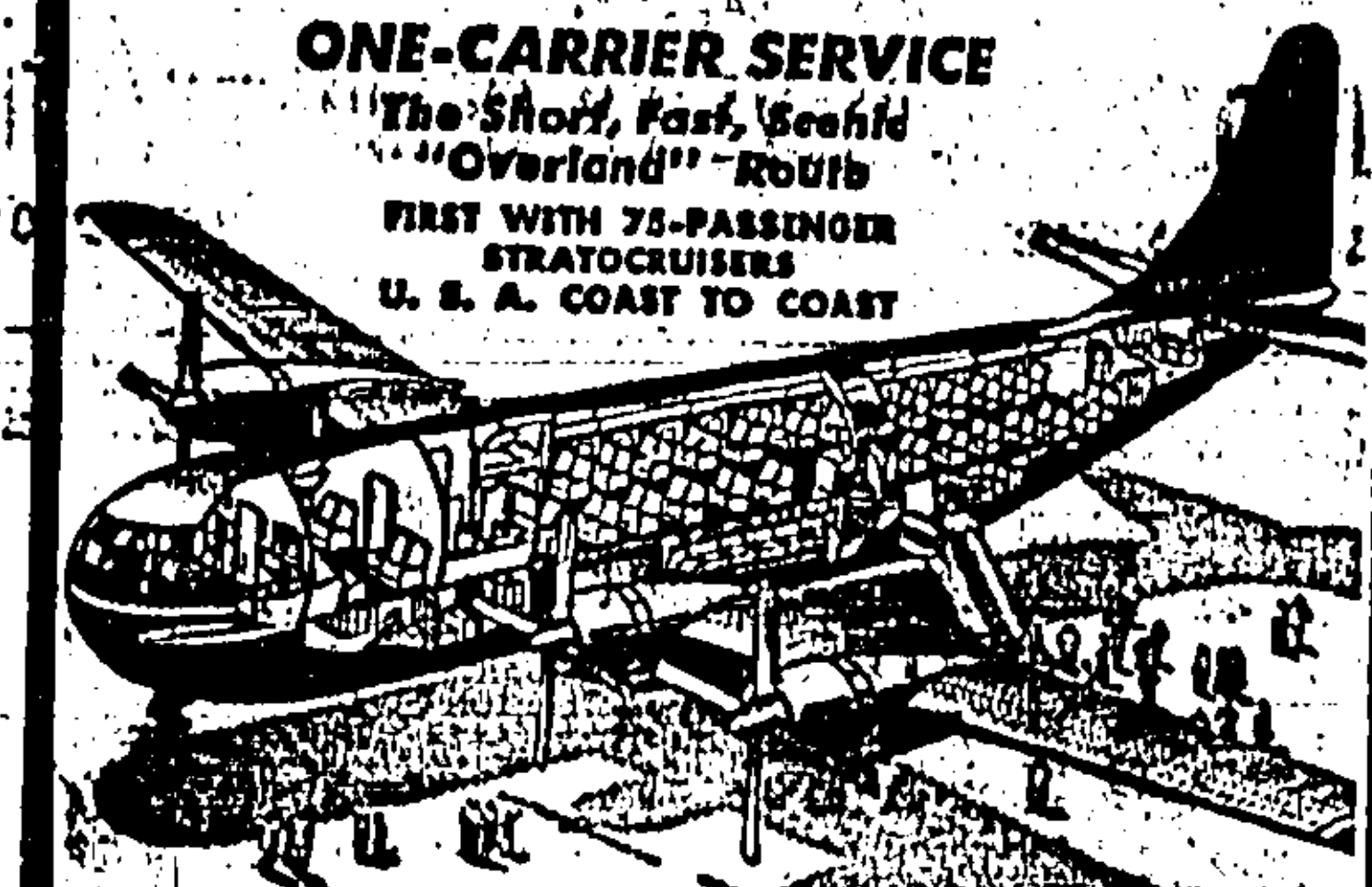
GENOA STRIKE

Genoa, March 7.

Some 70,000 Communist-led metal workers struck for two hours in Genoa today.

The strike was called in sympathy with a number of employees recently laid off by the San Giorgio machine plant.—Associated Press.

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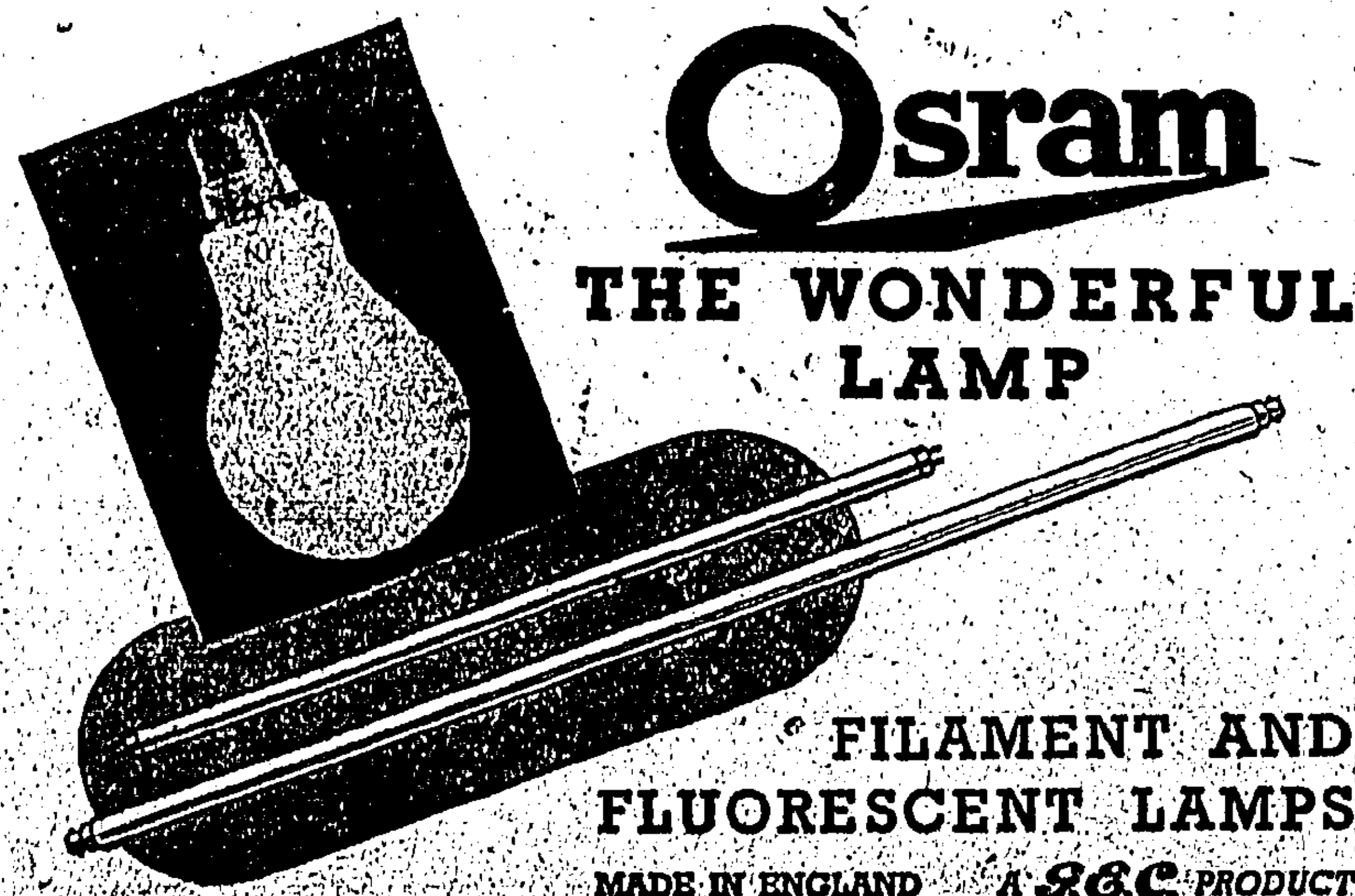
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When the unit is used with duct work, it is recommended that the duct be connected directly to the fan outlet and that the discharge plenum section be omitted entirely. This will give better efficiency and a lower cost.

The cabinet is fabricated from steel sheets bonded to resist corrosion. Parts normally exposed to moisture are made of zinc-coated steel. Units are fabricated with electrical welding and modern fastening devices. The cabinet houses fan, cooling coil, filter, compressor, condenser, compressor and fan motors, and all auxiliary equipment.

The discharge plenum section (priced separately) is of steel sheets, bonded to resist corrosion. The standard discharge plenum section consists of front discharge grill, and plenum top, end and back panels. The plenum section may be assembled so that the discharge grill is either in front or rear of unit.

In addition, "end discharge grills" are available, which are interchangeable with standard end panels. These end discharge grills are sold separately (one to a package), and when put in place of the plenum end panels, the plenum end panels are discarded. The "front discharge grill" is also available, in case it is desirable to install grills both front and back.

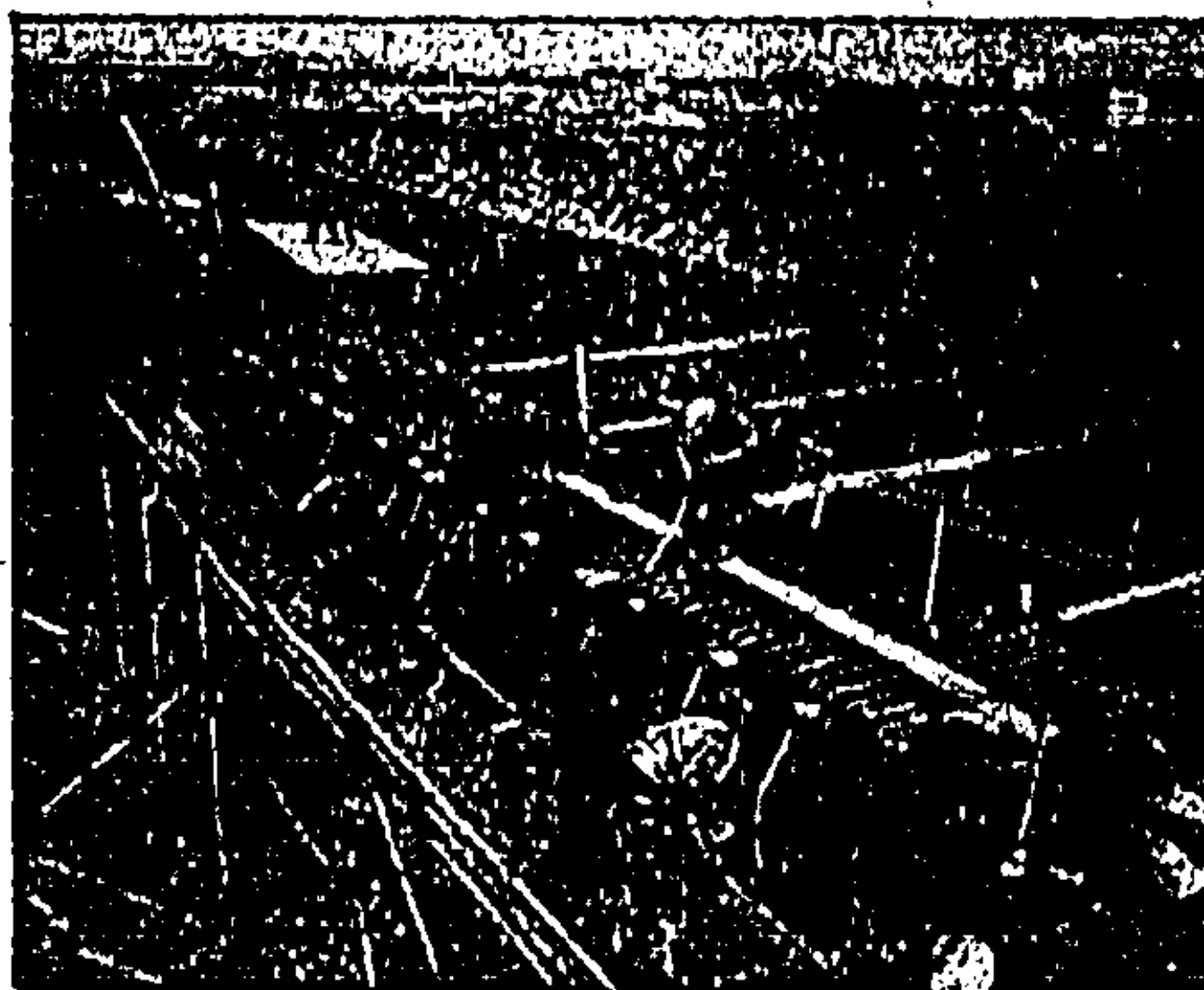
Finally, the "plenum rear panel" may also be bought separately, to replace the front discharge grill (with which it is completely interchangeable), if desired to discharge through the ends only.

The outside of units is finished in attractive light grey (hammered finish) plastic backed enamel, and will harmonize with most interior decorating schemes. However, it can be repainted in the field if the customer desires a different colour. This modern baked enamel is mar- and scratch-resistant, may be washed, and is easily dusted. All steel parts are bonded and coated, both inside and out, with highly resistant primers, baked on.

The cabinet is thermally and acoustically insulated, by up-to-date insulating materials. Motor-compressor assembly is rubber and spring-mounted, and flexible metallic tubing is used, to prevent any vibration from being transmitted to the cabinet or to the floor.

Efficient oversize filters of the viscous throw-away type are used. These are standard sizes, universally available. The SCY

London airport works as it grows



London airport came into regular use by civil airlines on January 1, 1946, little more than one year after work started. Temporary administrative and maintenance accommodation on the Bath-London roadside is in use. But the airport is still growing and, in its finished form, will be a 'central island' design. That is, all offices, hangars and public buildings will be in the centre of the field, servicing bays being outside the administrative buildings of each airline. All traffic from the outside to the central area will be through tunnels, passing under the runways of the airfield. Concreting of one of these tunnels now goes on.

NEW VERTICAL SPINDLE GEAR PUMPS IN UK

The new series of VRP vertical spindle Rotofoil gear pumps produced by the Hamworthy Engineering Co., Ltd., of Poole, have been developed particularly for forced lubrication, piston cooling, and diesel and furnace fuel-oil transfer duties. They fulfil the requirements of the principal marine underwriters. One of the outstanding features of these new pumps is the accessibility of all components so that a pump can be stripped for examination within a few minutes and re-erected in much the same time.

The main frame is of fabricated steel or cast iron, and forms a rigid attachment between the pump unit and the driving motor.

It carries the suction and delivery branches, and takes the weight of any unsupported pipe-work to eliminate the possibility of distortion and misalignment of the pump unit from this source.

The suction and delivery connections between the main frame and the pump unit form the pump seating, on which location is effected by dowel pins. By breaking this single flat joint and removing the bolts from the flexible coupling, the pump unit can be detached complete from the main frame, without disturbing the pipe connections.

Split casing

The casing is of close-grained cast iron, and is split in the plane of the rotors and spindles. The halves are located by means of four fitted bolts, the metal-to-metal joint between the halves being hand-scraped prior to machining the rotor bars. The removal of the outer half exposes the rotors for inspection.

The rotors are formed from Nitralloy blanks and are mounted

on spindles of three per cent. nickel alloy steel which are case-hardened and ground.

Each spindle runs directly on two needle roller bearings. The weight of each rotor and spindle is taken by a ball thrust bearing, which also locates the rotor to provide the requisite axial clearance.

The pump unit is thus a self-contained entity, a fact which enables it to be coupled to the driving motor by means of a flexible coupling of the bonded rubber disc pattern. Other types of flexible couplings may be fitted if desired.

The deep stuffing box is fitted with a lantern ring connected to the pump suction so that the gland is under negligible pressure. Any gland leakage is collected in a handish fitted with a drain cock or plug, as required.

The spring-loaded by-pass valve is housed in the main frame and protects pump, motor, and pipeline equipment against overload. This is of the balanced piston type in which the fluid load on the ported valve is balanced partially by delivery pressure on an opposing piston.

The pumps handle oils of widely different characteristics at pressures up to 100 p.s.i., and can be adapted to operate at greater pressures or with fluids necessitating the employment of special materials or modified forms of construction.

Revised rules for tankers

The recent publication of a completely revised edition of Lloyd's Rules for Petroleum Tankers has a special significance from two points of view. Not only are these Rules of great technical interest, but they also represent the first unified Rules for Hull Construction issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping united with the British Corporation Register.

They follow, after an interval of one year, Lloyd's revised Rules for Cargo and Passenger Ships.

The first Rules for Oil Tankers were published in 1909, and in 1925 a thorough revision was made. The earliest Rules applied to the system of construction universally adopted at the time, the transversely framed ship, while those which followed were related to the longitudinal system of construction commonly known as the Isherwood System.

In the interval which has elapsed since those days important advances have been made in both the design of oil tankers and the technique of construction.

Old design replaced

The tanker with two longitudinal bulkheads has now almost completely replaced the older design in which summer tanks and a centre line longitudinal bulkhead were fitted, and the system of framing has tended to become standard in two forms: the completely longitudinally framed system, and the combined system having longitudinally framed bottom and decks and vertically framed sides.

The revised Rules are based on the Society's recent practice and experience with tankers of these types. Welding has assumed an ever increasing importance, and the new Rules refer basically to this form of construction; at the same time requirements are given for riveted connections.

The method used for tabulating scantlings is similar to that which has been adopted in the revised Cargo Ship Rules; the familiar "Lloyd's Materials" have been replaced by the principal dimensions of the ship and the draught as parameters. Experience with the use of the Cargo Ship Rules has confirmed the expectation that this oil systems and for the oil fuel burning installation added more complications to the piping arrangements.

Summary

The following is a brief summary of the major alterations of the Revised Rules for pumping and piping:—

Bilge Pumping
The amended requirements for the bilge drainage of machinery spaces relate mainly to emergency bilge suction which permit of continued drainage in the event of a break-down of the main bilge system.

Air and Overflow Pipes and Sounding Pipes
Minimum thicknesses have been given for these pipes and the sizes of the air and overflow pipes have been increased in order to diminish the risk of damage to the tanks when they are overloading.

Oil Fuel Burning Installation
The main alterations relate to increased precautions against outbreaks of fire.

Pressure Pipes
The existing Rules for steel pipes have been completely revised to meet modern conditions of temperature and pressure and the hydraulic test pressures for various pipe systems have been simplified.

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ACHESON ON U.S. AID FOR THE FAR EAST

Washington, March 7.

There is good reason to hope from the progress made thus far that with American assistance the Republic of Korea can survive and thrive, Mr. Dean Acheson, the United States Secretary of State, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today.

"This, of course, cannot be guaranteed," he added. "However, it continues to be true that without our assistance there can be no such hope," he added.

He also said, "Hundreds of millions of people of Southern and South East Asia and the islands of the Pacific are now in a period where they must choose between the roads to democracy or totalitarianism."

VIETMINH WARNS SAIGON

Saigon, March 7.

Pamphlets apparently circulated by underground Vietminh agents warned today that an attack is imminent against the capital by the Nationalist forces of Ho Chi-minh.

The pamphlets threatened punishment of "traitors" and a general offensive to drive the French out of Indo-China. The Communist Indo-China Radio tonight threatened "death to collaborators with the imperialist capitalists" and demanded the withdrawal of French troops.

The Radio denied reports of a split between the Communist "hard core" and "nationalists" in Ho Chi-minh's forces. There is no confirmation so far of persistent reports that Anglo-American military talks on joint defensive action in South East Asia will begin soon in Paris.

It is recalled that the recent stay of the U.S. envoy, Philip Jessup, was the occasion of numerous acts of terrorism, and the authorities have taken precautions.

Wednesday marks the first anniversary of the agreement between the former Emperor Bao Dai and President Vincent Auriol setting up the autonomous state of Vietnam within the French Union. Vietnam authorities asked the people to hang out flags and other decorations.

Underground Vietminh agents circulated about town, warning of reprisals against anyone who did. So far, few flags have appeared.

Mr. Alan Griffith, who heads the U.S. Mission, had interviews today with the French High Commissioner, M. Leon Pignon, the Vietnam Premier, Nguyen Phan Long, Governor Tran Van Hu of South Vietnam and General Maurice Carpentier, Commander-in-Chief of French forces in Indo-China. — Associated Press and Reuter.



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Congress authorised \$120,000,000 in economic aid to South Korea up to June 30 last year.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, had earlier told the committee the Administration would ask Congress for \$100,000,000 for Korean aid for the second year of the Korean Recovery Programme, starting on July 1.

Mr. Acheson declared that the United States objective is to strengthen the Korean Republic to withstand the threat of expanding Communist influence and control through the aggressive Soviet-dominated Communist regime in North Korea and to serve as a nucleus for the eventual peaceful unification of the entire country on a democratic basis.

He added, "The United States is looked to, not only by the people of Korea, but by the people of the Far East and by the people of democratic nations everywhere, as the leader in the struggle for the survival of a Korean Republic, both for itself and as a possible nucleus for the eventual peaceful unification of that country."

Extending aid

Korea, he said, is "one place where the United States can continue to take well-defined, positive steps to help a free democratic country to survive the Communist effort to engulf it."

Referring to some opinion in Congress that there should be a detailed aid programme for the whole of the South East Asia area, Mr. Acheson said:

"We are not in a position to do that at the present time. It might be possible later on."

He added that as a means of extending aid to some of these South East Asian countries, the China Aid Act could be broadened so that more than 100,000,000 unspent dollars authorised by that Act could be made available.

Replying to a question, Mr. Acheson said that he would be willing to extend some of these unspent dollars to Taiwan, the Chinese Nationalists' island stronghold.

In recommending to the Committee that Congress approve a US\$100,000,000 second-year aid programme for the Republic of South Korea, Mr. Hoffman described Korea as the counterpart of Germany in the Far East.

Constant threat

He noted that Korea is divided, as is Germany, over populated with refugees from the Communists and situated under constant threat of power domination by Russia.

"It is as tough a set of conditions as any government faces in

trying to achieve recovery. Yet the progress they have made merits the adjective spectacular under the circumstances," he said.

He added that problems of recovery had been met courageously by the Korean people, but there are a great many problems remaining. He believes a near balance of trade can be achieved and a practical self-sustaining basis reached by the time ECA aid ends in 1952.

Mr. Hoffman and Dr. Edgar Johnson, head of the ECA Korean Division here, both replied to questions, saying that the Korean standard of living is not yet up to the level it had reached during the Japanese occupation because of Japanese industrial expansion and control of the Far Eastern area had allowed fuller employment than now.—Reuter and United Press.

JAPANESE TO CHECK DUMPING

Tokyo, March 8.

Following numerous protests from overseas traders against Japanese dumping of cotton products, the Japanese Government will shortly enforce a check prices system to prevent export dumping of Japanese cotton products, the Japanese cotton agency Jiji reported today.

Under this system any export contract quoting below domestic official prices, in terms of dollars, will be considered to be dumping.

If the system is enforced, the present standard price system as the basis for export prices will be abolished.

The Jiji said the lower prices offered for Japanese cotton products by overseas importers are partly responsible for the tendency for dumping.

This makes it difficult for Japanese exporters to conclude business at the official standard export prices set by the Government.—Reuter.

LIAQUAT ALI'S VISIT TO U.S.

Washington, March 7.

Liaquat Ali Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, will arrive here on May 3 for a goodwill tour of the United States, the State Department announced today.

He will be accompanied by The Begum. They are coming at the invitation of President Truman.

They will spend their first week in Washington and New York before leaving on a 16-day tour through the mid-West to the Pacific coast.—Reuter.

Canadian attitude on Mao regime

Ottawa, March 7.

The Government will take full responsibility for what ever decision is reached on recognizing the Communist regime in China, the External Affairs Minister, Lester Pearson, told the Commons today.

No decision has yet been reached, he said. "This is a difficult and complicated question, it is complicated by the fact that some Governments like the United Kingdom and India have recognized Communist China. Other countries like the United States and France have not."

Mr. Pearson said it would be a delicate matter to make public all arguments for and against recognition of the Mao Tse-tung administration in view of the decisions which have already been taken by other Governments.—United Press.

BURMESE APPROACH TO U.S.

Washington, March 7.

American officials are considering Burma's request for United States military and economic assistance to safeguard their country against Communist inroads.

So far there is no clear idea what steps the United States may take, but Burma's needs will be considered within the framework of the American plan to provide some sort of co-ordinated economic aid to South East Asia.

Any definite developments along this line are expected to come only after the return to this country in about months of the American economic mission to South East Asia, headed by Allen Griffin, California newspaper publisher.

The Burmese request for aid has been conveyed informally by the Burmese Ambassador, and is not a formal official approach. A formal request would await the American reaction to the informal sounding by the Ambassador.

The amount of assistance, either economic or military, which the United States can render Burma under the existing appropriations and conditions, is very limited.

Burma is technically eligible to a share of the \$75,000,000 of military aid which Congress has authorized President Truman to use in the general area of China. However, there are several applicants for the money from this fund, and a considerable share is expected to go to the French Union forces in Indo-China.

As far as economic aid is concerned, there are no existing funds for which Burma might be considered eligible. The United States Government would be willing to provide technical assistance and advice under the "Point Four" programme, if Congress passes that measure. However, investment of private American capital under the "Point Four" programme is considered very unlikely in Burma in view of the existing conditions of political chaos there.—United Press.

BOLD NEW PLAN FOR BACKWARD COUNTRIES

Washington, March 7.

The Public Affairs Institute today proposed a 50-year, US\$260,000,000,000 international aid programme for under-developed nations in an effort to create a basis for a positive peace policy.

The Institute, which is a non-profit research organisation, said its sweeping, and bold new plan would call for joint effort and investment by all nations.

The plan would be handled through the United Nations as far as possible.

Dr. Dewey Anderson, director of the Institute, who joined the economist S. Raushenbush in drafting the plan, said it would be an extension of President Truman's Point Four programme. "It would drastically transform the economy of the world, raise the standard of living of two-thirds of the world's population and thereby establish the foundation of a more secure peace," he said.

"This is a plan for changing the face of the world with something better than the hydrogen bomb. This is what Truman's Point Four has to look like if we mean business. This could be a real answer to the threat of expanding Russian imperialism."

Outright grants

The authors recommended the outlay of \$17,700,000,000 during the first five years of their programme, to pick up where the Marshall Plan leaves off. This would pay for technical assistance and finance the setting up of about 200 work centres in under-developed areas.

The first instalment would include \$1,400,000,000 in outright grants.

Of the total \$9,000,000,000 would be public investment funds. Of this, the United States would supply \$7,000,000,000. Some \$4,000,000,000 would be private investment.

Dr. Anderson and Mr. Raushenbush said that, after the first five years, the programme would level off to an estimated investment of \$7,000,000,000 a year in repayable loans and credits and private investments. They claimed the total expenditure of \$280,000,000,000 would increase production and generate local saving and local capital that would amount to a similar total, making a grand total of \$520,000,000,000 to bring about vast improvements in the lives of these people.—United Press.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, March 7.

The Portuguese National Assembly tonight passed a Bill authorising an immediate revision of the Portuguese Constitution.

Normally the Constitution is revised every 10 years, the next occasion being 1955, but such a revision may be anticipated by five years if two-thirds of the Assembly agree.

After a three-days debate 102 members voted in favour of an immediate revision and there were only two against it out of a total membership of 120.—Reuter.

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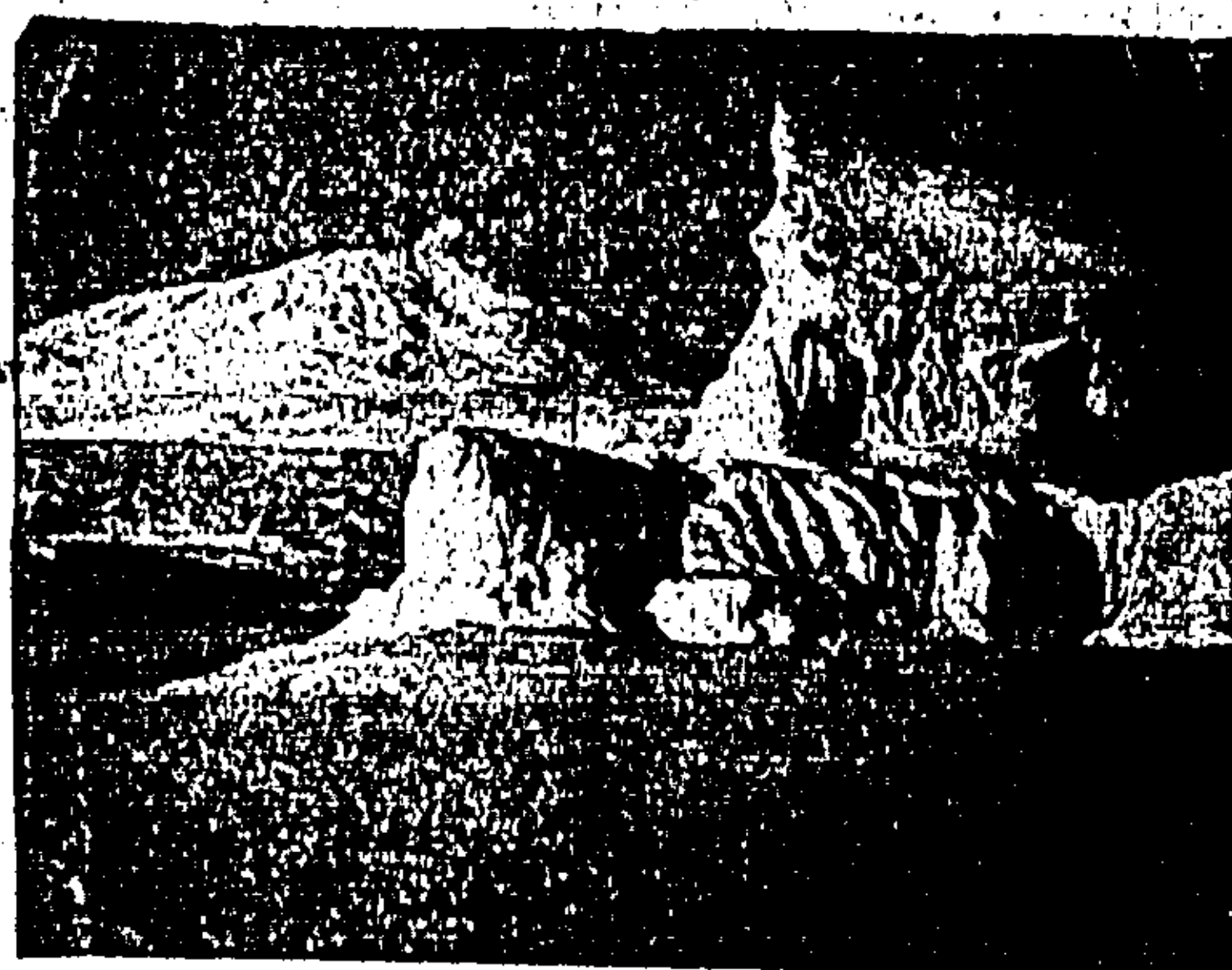
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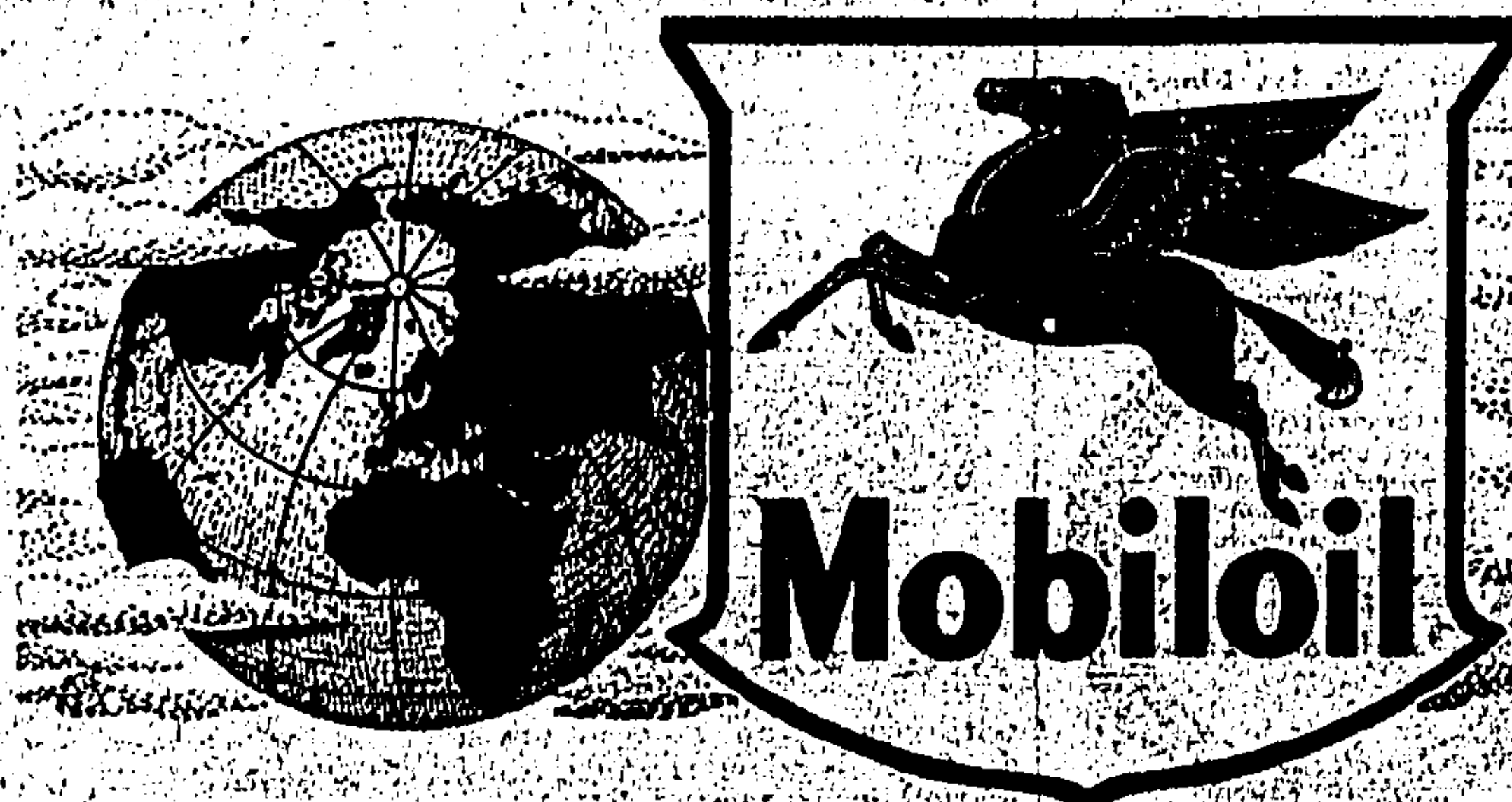
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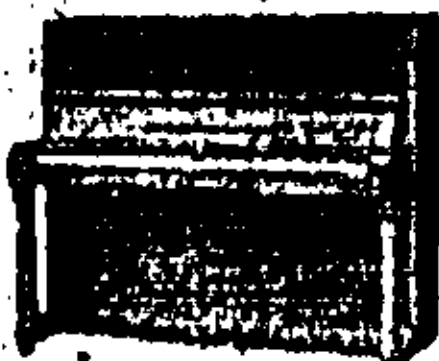
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AURIOL GIVEN OVATION BY LONDONERS

London, March 7.

King George and the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, who is paying the first State visit to Britain since the war, toasted each other in champagne across a gold-laden table in gaily decorated Buckingham Palace tonight.

It was the climax to a day packed with pageantry in which flag-bedecked London gave one of the greatest ovations in its history to the chubby-faced French President and Madame Auriol.

Amid a sea of Tricolours, Union Jacks and magnificent draperies, the distinguished French visitors began their three-day visit with a tumultuous welcome as they drove in open landaus along the processional route to the Palace.

They were met at Victoria Station by the King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, and members of his Cabinet.

Winter mist gave a special quality to the Station gathering but could not spoil the magnificence of the heavy, red backcloth with its blue and gold tassels and four big cream vases of lilac, lilies, daffodils and tulips.

In the ceremonies which followed, the President placed a large wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. Later, he received addresses of welcome in St. James' Palace from the London County Council and the City of Westminster.

Then, tonight, in Buckingham Palace's great banquet hall the heads of the two nations pledged closer ties than ever between Britain and France.

Close bonds

The King, who ended his speech in French, declared: "Three years ago the Treaty of Dunkirk set the seal on the fellowship of our two peoples consecrated by their sacrifices. Since that date we have come to recognise that we are linked by bonds closer than the obligations of any formal alliance."

"Your visit, M. Le President, is a symbol of the ties which unite us. I am confident that our two countries, supported by that peace-loving concept wider than the Europe to which we both belong, will maintain and further the ideals for which we both stand."

Replying in French, M. Auriol said: "We have not forgotten and we shall never forget that summer of 1940 when we, loyal to our honour and to the pledges given to Poland, had been

wounded right unto death in the front line of liberty; and when you shouldered so heroically the weight of our hopes and of every battle.

"We shall not forget those long painful hours when the whole of France, suppressed and tortured, struggled in the dark to prepare the liberation of the morrow, listening to the dauntless voice of Winston Churchill hurling at the enemy the defiance of a united Britain. Our friendship was sealed for all time by these trials, more cruel even than those which we suffered together in the first world war."

The President hinted at an invitation to the Royal Family to visit France again—they were there in 1939—in these words: "The French people cherish the memory of the visit of Your Majesty paid to them and they are only awaiting an opportunity to renew their expressions of affection."—Reuter.

Anglo-French talks in London

London, March 7.

High-level advisers were present when the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, received the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, at the Foreign Office this evening.

This was the first meeting between Mr. Bevin and M. Schuman during M. Auriol's presidential State visit to London.

Sir William Strang, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, head of the Foreign Office's German Department, and Mr. M. E. Denning, head of the Far Eastern Department, were with Mr. Bevin.

The two main topics discussed were the situation in Germany and recent events in South East Asia.—Reuter.

GERMAN WORKERS DESTROY DISMANTLING EQUIPMENT

Watenstedt-Salzgitter, March 7.

Anti-dismantling demonstrators tonight destroyed three dismantling masts, each 25 feet high, near the blast furnaces of the former giant Hermann-Göring steel works.

Earlier in the day a British tank, which was being stoned, crashed into a cart. Seven soldiers jumped off the tank and pointed guns at the workers, who dispersed. The tank was dragged away by a jeep.

The British Area Commandant received orders from the British High Commission this afternoon to forbid all political meetings in Watenstedt-Salzgitter at once.

The City Council has published a report on a meeting which it held secretly last night. This said that the leaders of all the main parties strongly protested against the dismantling.

"Worse than Nazism"

The Lord Mayor, Dr. Wilhelm Hoeck, a Christian Democrat, was quoted in the report as saying: "What is happening now is worse than Nazism."

A Communist named Legener declared that this scorched earth policy proves that the Western Allies are preparing for a new war.

The City Council is sending copies of the protest to the West German Government and to the local Government at Hanover. The West German Labour Minister, Dr. Storch, is on his way here from Bonn to try to calm the situation.

British troops stood with arms at the ready when a crowd of

workers held up two British patrol cars earlier today. An armoured patrol car, which arrived on the scene, was pelted with stones.

(In Berlin the British High Commissioner, Sir Brian Robertson, said that he had scrapped plans to grant dismantling concessions to the Germans, because of yesterday's troubles.)

"I was prepared to be reasonable, but this nonsense had made me change my mind and I shall now be unreasonable," he told correspondents.

Must go on

In Bonn, enquiries today at the Allied High Commission Headquarters revealed that dismantling must go on.

Allied experts at Bonn do not share the German view that those plants at Salzgitter that have yet to be destroyed are of great economic value. One authority told Reuter's correspondent today that the fourth blast furnace there, which the Germans want to retain, would be useless to them.

More than 100,000 people are directly or indirectly dependent for their livelihood on these works, so they are an easy prey to agitation eagerly fomented, not only by the Communists but by extreme right wing nationalist groups strong in that area.

The agitation to keep all of the iron and steel-making and processing plants remaining at these works has, however, been followed with growing sympathy in other parts of Western Germany.

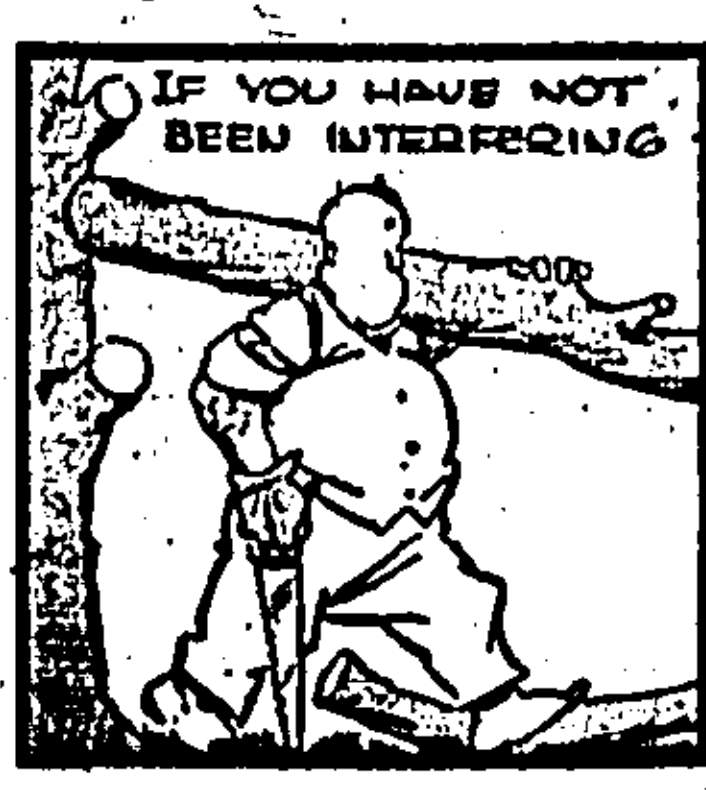
It has been going on so long that the people are not likely to be put off with Allied arguments especially as there is anxiety about the mounting unemployment figures.

Allied observers in Bonn do not deny that some unemployment has been caused by dismantling and that Germany's industrial production has thus been reduced at the very time when the Allies are demanding it should be intensified.

Apart from the resentment caused by dismantling there is little sign of popular disaffection. Any tendency towards this is moderated by reflections that the Russians are not far away and that life under them would not be as bearable as it is under the Western Allies.

Disaffection of a more general character has also been largely stemmed by the realisation that life in Germany is at least returning to normal. Every now and then other questions, such as that of the Saar, exacerbate German opinion, but the tone of the newspapers, apart from those of the Communists, is moderate.—Reuter.

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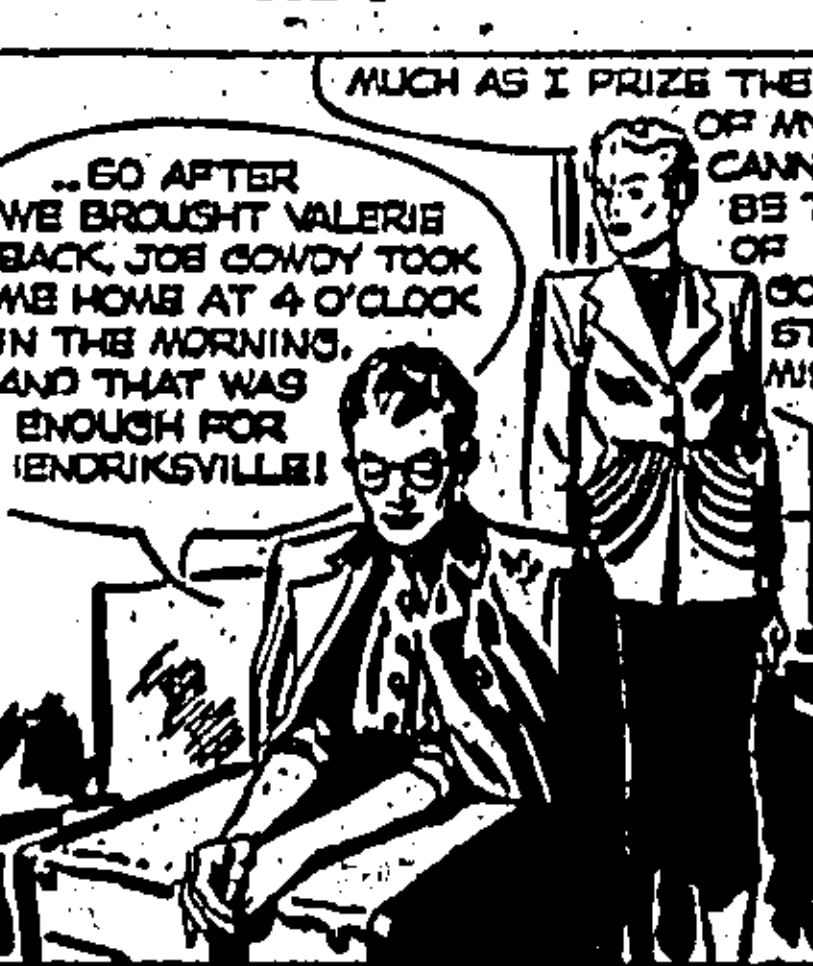
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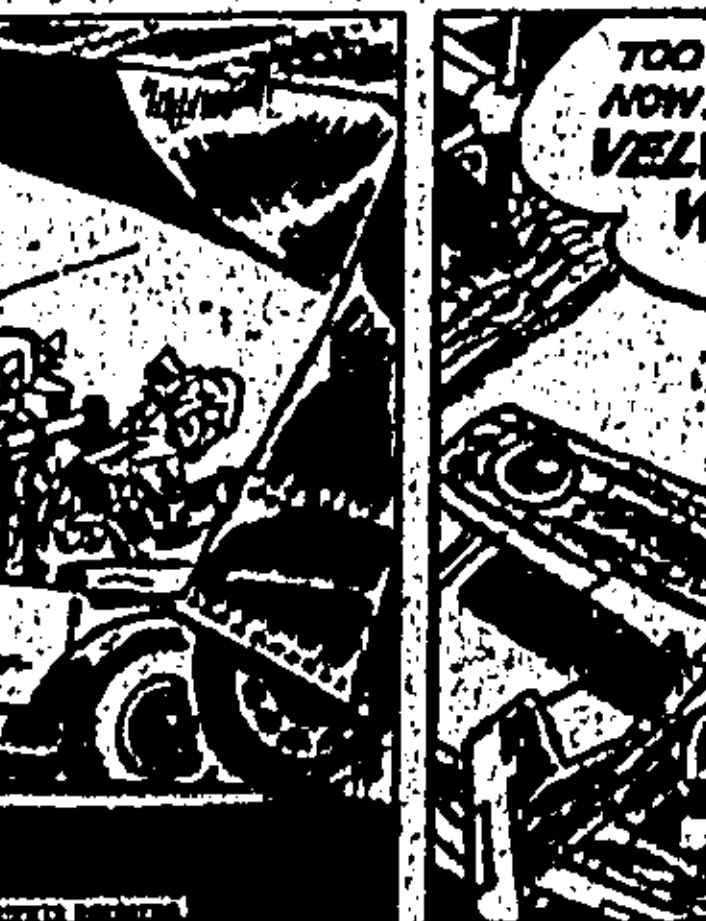
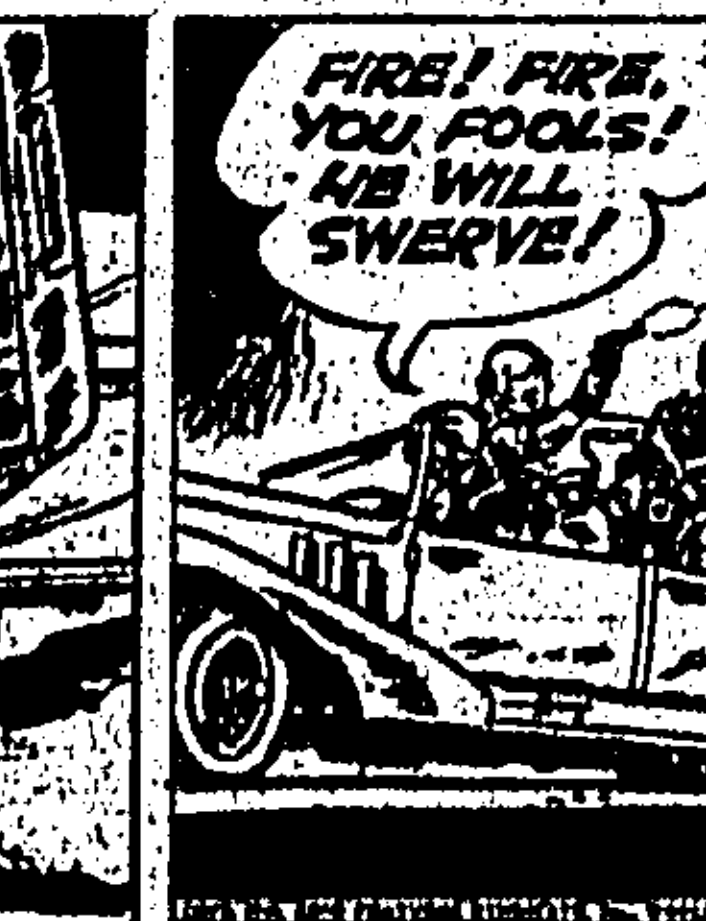
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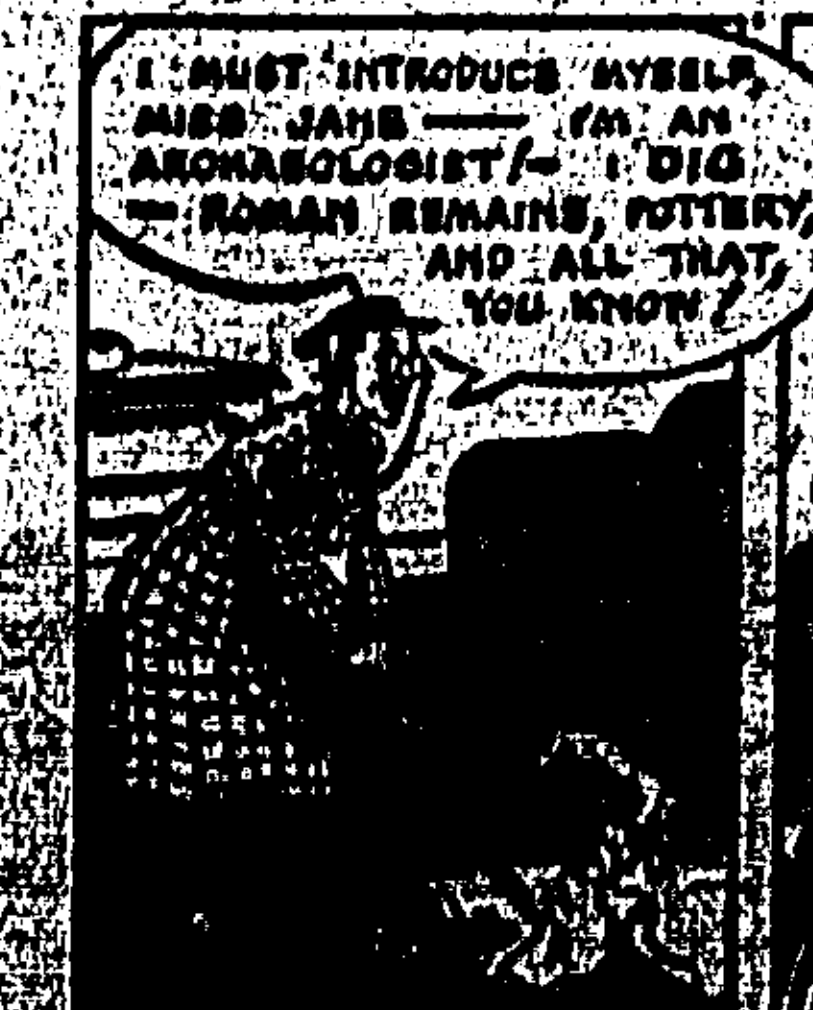


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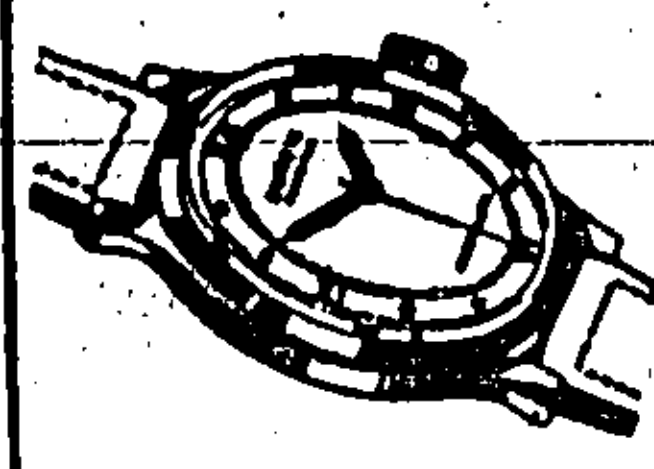
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Sports Pause



SCHOOLBOY SCORES SURPRISE WIN IN SHUTTLE TOURNEY

(By "ARGONAUT")

Before a capacity crowd at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night, Schoolboy Benzin Saw of the Asia College created the biggest surprise of the Colony Badminton Championships so far, when he eliminated seeded player Charlie Quinn in two straight sets in the Junior Singles event.

Another seeded pair came to grief in the Senior Mixed Doubles, where superb play at the net by Yolly Franco enabled her and her partner C. K. Lee to oust Recreio's Marcus Oliveira and Mylthie Gonsalves.

Schoolboy Benzin Saw showed amazing stamina and retrieving powers in achieving the night's feat. Although he took a lead of 3-0 with the initial service, he was soon trailing behind 7-13.

Then in a sudden transformation, he went for every shot that came over his side of the net and aided by some powerful smashes brought the score to deuce five. A hectic neck to neck struggle ensued for the five needed points and it was only after service had changed hands three times at the score of 4-4 that the set point was obtained by Saw.

The second set saw Quinn entangled in a series of errors, which never left him until Saw had built a commanding lead of 11-2. Though Quinn fought valiantly to reduce the deficit he could only add six more points before Saw scored the match point.

The Senior Mixed Doubles game produced a Yolly Franco that gave an almost flawless exhibition of a lady player at the net in Mixed Doubles. Perfect anticipation, well-timed and deadly smashes and taps at the net by her partner the Oliveira-Gonsalves combination completely out of gear in the first set which Franco and Lee won by 15-0.

Better resistance was put up in the second set and the score was even until 6-7, when the Lee-Franco combination got the edge again to run up five points in a row.

Still fighting the Recreio pair came back to catch up to 12-13 and kept the spectators keyed up with the expectation of a third set. This, however, never came, as with the next service, Lee and Franco took the necessary two points for match.

M. H. Liang, whose consistent display in his last three wins placed him now as a top-favourite for the Junior Singles title, cleared another hurdle last night in fine style, beating H. J. Xavier by 15-0 and 15-4.

A. D. Brown and Margie Rozario and the Mr. and Mrs. Soares

pair, also enjoyed comfortable wins in their Junior Mixed Doubles games.

In the Schoolboys' Singles, A. A. Dos Remedios proved too good for his schoolmate Y. Khan. A two set victory placed him now in the Semi-final of this event.

Full results

Schoolboys' Singles: A. A. Dos Remedios (La Salle) beat Y. Khan (La Salle) 15-4, 15-0.
Junior Men's Doubles: B. Chow and C. H. Ngan (Shallandiers) beat I. Erickson and J. Yvanovich (St. Teresa's) 15-8, 7-15, 15-8.
Junior Men's Singles: B. Saw (Asia College) and Shallandiers beat C. M. Quinn (Recreio) 18-17, 15-8; M. H. Liang (Homefolles) beat H. J. Xavier (Recreio), 15-0, 15-4.
Junior Mixed Doubles: K. Y. Tso and Mrs. W. K. Tso (Chung Wah) beat A. D. Brown and Margie Rozario, 4-15, 9-15.
Senior Mixed Doubles: C. K. Lee (Chinese YMCA) and Yolly Franco (Recreio) beat M. A. Oliveira and Mrs. H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio), 15-6, 15-12.

Tonight's games

At King George V School 7 p.m. (Schoolboys' Doubles) K. Y. Tso and B. Saw v A. Sales and M. Caninaud.
7.30 (Junior Mixed Doubles) W. C. Chung and Mrs. W. C. Chung v F. J. Brockbank and Mrs. E. M. Tebbutt.
8.00 (Ladies' Singles) Mrs. M. Chow v Miss M. Ribeiro.
8.30 (Junior Men's Doubles) A. D. Brown and A. J. Gonsalves v J. A. Soares and J. A. Motta.
9.00 (Senior Mixed Doubles) P. H. Wong and Miss H. Kwong v W. Gillies and Mrs. L. F. Stokes.

HUNT CLUB MEET

There will be a meet of the Hong Kong Polo and Hunt Club at Kam Tin Village, near Ben's Stables, Fanling, on Sunday, March 12, at 11.30 a.m.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

THIRD RACE MEETING

Saturday, 11th March, 1950.

There are ten races, the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch office, no. 304 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen not members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5.—including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private bad holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except of passing through of their duties and must remain in their employers' hands.

School Football Interport

The first of a series of trials for the School Football Interport match against Manila will be held on Sunday, at the Hong Kong Football Club ground, starting at 10 a.m.

The following players are requested to turn up as they will be assured of a game.

Greens. — Yu Chung-ming (Queen's), Chan Shiu-siu (St. Stephen's), Koodiaroff (King George V.), Webster (K. G. V.), Lau Wing-chiu (Queen's), Yeung Kwok-lan (Queen's), Ng Chun Fook (Wah Yan A.M.), Chan Kwok-chuen (Wah Yan P. M.), Grant (K. G. V.).
Reds. — Cheng Hon-ping (Wah Yan A. M.), Ho Chiu-chiu (Tat-lee), Lam Yui-lun (La Salle), Mak Hing-cheung (Wah Yan), Tsang Yung-kan (Talkoo), Au See-wing (Talkoo), Wong Yung-ki (Talkoo), Ma Hung (Talkoo), Lai Ching-hang (Wah Yan P. M.), Wong Sun-man (Talkoo), Lau Sit-ki (Wah Yan P. M.).
Blues. — Lee King-ye (St. Joseph's), Cheung Shu-shing (Queen's), Yeung Yung-hong (St. Joseph's), Chan Chun-yeung (Queen's), Stephen Chan (St. Joseph's), Tse Man-cheung (St. Joseph's), Chu Kim-wing (St. Joseph's), Wong Yung-wing (Queen's), Tong Ping-shiu (Queen's), Lee Chuk-sang (St. Joseph's), Yau Tak-hay (Queen's).

Shell Sports Club officially opened

The official opening of the Shell Sports Club took place yesterday with a social gathering which more than 200 members attended.

The staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., (S.C.) Ltd., worked overtime yesterday when, after office hours, they proceeded to convert the APC offices in Shell House into a tea room and cinema auditorium.

After Mr. E. E. Hudson, General Manager of the APC had addressed the gathering in a few well-chosen words, Mr. Harold Wingfield, Secretary of the Shell Sports Club, called upon Mrs. E. E. Hudson to perform the opening ceremony.

Mrs. Hudson then cut the ribbons across the entrance to the club house and declared the Shell Sports Club officially opened.

An exhibition game of ping pong by Mr. C. M. Xavier and Mr. Poon Sai-fong took place before tea, after which the gathering was entertained to a one-hour cinema show.

Inspection of the new club house, which is situated on the top floor of Shell House, was carried out by members, who came away loud in their praise for the manner in which it had been laid out by the club committee.

Reading, games and bar facilities, added to comfortable furnishings, should afford the members much enjoyment and relaxation.

Weiss, Massip win at Cairo

Cairo, March 7. T. Johansson, of Sweden, H. Weiss, of Argentina, and the self-exiled Czechs, Jaroslav Drobný and V. Cernik, have reached the quarter-finals of the men's singles in the international lawn tennis championships of Egypt here today.

Johansson beat Gursack, of Egypt, by 6-3 and 6-2, Weiss beat Henri Cochet, of France, by 6-0 and 6-4. Drobný beat D. Waldon, of Egypt, by 6-1 and 6-4 and Cernik beat P. Washer, of Belgium, by 4-6, 6-0 and 6-2.

Miss Gerda Moraw of the United States, reached the women's singles final by beating Miss Gem Hocking, of Britain, by 6-0 and 6-4.

In the men's doubles quarter-finals, Adrian Quist, of Australia, and P. Washer, of Belgium, beat Cochet and Johansson by 6-0 and 6-4, and Pedro Massip, of Spain, and H. Weiss, of Argentina, beat Jaroslaw and D. Waldon, both of Egypt, by 6-3 and 6-3.

In the second round of the Mixed Doubles, Pedro Massip of Spain and Mrs. Harold Weiss of Argentina, beat Britain's P. Hughes and Miss Gem Hocking, 6-3, 6-4, to enter the semi-finals.

Softball:

Inter-Hong League starts this week-end

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Inter-Hong Softball League heads into a flying start this week with a full programme, the best tilt being the Shell v. Calrex oil feud on Saturday afternoon.

The Men's Senior League fixtures having been completed, and St. Joseph's and Jaguars assured of play-off berths, interest will be centred on the U.S. Navy v. Braves tussle on Sunday, in an elimination game.

Although the Ladies Senior Championship was decided last week with a Wahoo triumph, the Canuckette-Wahoo game this week should prove to be worth watching, as the Maple Leafers are the only ones to have bettered the champs this season in their first round game.

A meeting of the Dance Committee, headed by Mrs. Carmen Molten, will be held at Shell House tomorrow evening at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets to the Annual Dance will be \$10 each and will be on sale soon.

Full programme for the week-end is as follows:

Men's Senior League
Sunday: CBA Ground, 10.30 a.m. Jaguars v St. Joseph's (Don Robinson, L. Oliveira, Eddie Marques, Bernie Silva); 1.30 p.m. Braves v U.S. Navy (Herbie Quon, Tiger Hussain, Bill Woo, Eddie Loureiro).

Men's Junior League
Saturday: Recreio F/B Ground, 2.00 p.m. Spartans v Jaguars (Don Izat, Ed. Remedios, Frankie Xavier; Roberto Nunes).

Ladies Senior League
Saturday: CBA Ground, 2.00 p.m. Pirates v Wildcats (Edo Almeida, A. Gutierrez, M. Gutierrez; Hal Wingfield).

Ladies Junior League
Sunday: CBA Ground, 3 p.m. Squaws v St. Teresa's (Les Castro, Bob Henderson, Blm Ablong; Hal Wingfield).

Inter-Hong League
Saturday: CBA Ground, 2 p.m. Shell v Calrex (Y.C. Mel, Buster Hollands, Ren Sequiera; Wanda Rodriguez).

Sunday: CBA Ground, 9 a.m. Stanvac v Mercantile Bank (Eric Molten, P. Mollie, Ignor Brockbank, Bernard Silva).

Recreio Football Ground, 10.30 a.m. Gibbs v Civil Service (Bob Henderson, Les Castro, Ed. Loureiro; Samel Samy); 12 noon, San Miguel v Union Insurance (Hal Wingfield, Bob Low, C.M. Xavier; Roberto Nunes).

Following are the latest batting statistics in the Ladies' League:

Ladies Senior League

	AB	R	E	Ave.
A. Choy (Can)	10	25	13	.520
I. Castillo (Wahoo)	8	10	11	.567
P. Ribeiro (Wahoo)	8	12	10	.587
Bobbie Lee (Wahoo)	10	19	11	.516
T. Canopeo (Wahoo)	8	10	9	.500

Ladies Junior League

	AB	R	E	Ave.
G. Silles (St. Tsa)	9	23	12	.444
C. Annulphy (Fanny)	9	12	12	.375
C. Goss (Squaw)	8	12	10	.518
J. Bouet (Squaw)	8	10	9	.500
B. Remedios (St. Tsa)	9	24	9	.555

League Table to date:

Men's Senior League

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	12	2	.857
Jaguars	10	4	.714
Americans	10	4	.714
Braves	10	4	.714
US Navy	10	4	.714
St. Teresa's	9	5	.642
Madcaps	8	6	.571
Canadians	8	6	.571
Overseas	7	7	.500
Pandas	7	7	.500
Chung Hwa	5	9	.357
Pakistan	5	9	.357
Dare-devils	2	12	.143
Baseballers	1	13	.071
Cumbancheros	1	13	.071

Men's Junior League

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Blackhawks	14	4	.778
Rexes	13	4	.763
Jaguars	12	4	.750
Overseas	12	0	.667
Spartans	7	8	.467
Acts	6	9	.400
Pandas	7	11	.389
Pandas	4	13	.235
Delaware	4	13	.235
Griffins	3	14	.176

Ladies Senior League

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Wahoo	7	2	.778
Canadians	5	3	.600
Wildcats	2	4	.333
Pirates	1	5	.167

Ladies Junior League

	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Teresa's	8	1	.889
White Fangs	7	2	.778
Squaws	5	5	.500
Clovers	3	5	.375
Myferrans	0	7	.000

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HK's new Budget introduced

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"The sum of \$14,172,300 has been provided under the Subventions Head, as compared with \$13,250,000 last year. Of this \$7,859,000 is paid in grants to Government departments and schools while \$1,550,000 goes to the University. This year a contribution of \$500,000 to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief's fund for welfare activities among the troops has been included. A grant of \$250,000 was made by supplementary vote in respect of the last six months of the year just ended. It will be generally agreed that it is only a small contribution towards the cost of welfare activities among the garrison, and it is considered that it is better to do so in this way, than by a reduction in the duty on beer for Service personnel, as was at one time suggested. Under the grant system the money can be used in a variety of ways, whereas under the latter system, which would be subject to any appreciable extent and some would not benefit at all.

"It has proved necessary, owing to the general rise in costs, to increase the subsidy to the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals by more than \$500,000 and the cost of the subsidy to Vernacular schools has also risen by the same amount.

"In addition to the expenditure provided for in the Appropriation Bill, we are continuing our expenditure from Loan funds. Up to March 31, 1949, expenditure from this source amounted to \$57,632,688 and it is estimated that by March 31, 1950, this figure may have been increased to \$113,851,730 which of course is largely financed from surplus balances. More than \$12,000,000 was originally earmarked for new rolling stock for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, but as a result of the recent developments and the interruption of through traffic to Canton, certain orders, including dining cars, have been cancelled. This has released a substantial loan funds for re-allocation.

"\$5,000,000 is earmarked for the new Airport, and some preliminary charges have already been incurred, as a survey party has been sent out to consider the layout of the site. When work starts in earnest it will be necessary to draw on the interest free loan of \$2,300,000 which His Majesty's Government agreed to grant under the general War Expenditure settlement. \$3,888,500 from loan funds has been provided for the completion of a number of Police stations and a further \$2,045,000 will be expended on new schools during the coming year.

"We are not only endeavouring to maintain the facilities provided by Government departments at their normal level, but we have set aside funds for some expansion in our educational and health services. We have done this at a time when we have to face heavy security commitments of all sorts, and to find very large sums to ensure the maintenance of law and order on which so much—indeed the whole structure of this Colony—depends. To expect this to be done on the existing basis of taxation is to ask for the impossible, and it is for this reason and not for any love of taxation for its own sake, that I have been forced to submit the proposals which I have placed before you this afternoon.

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St. Joseph's College Annual Athletic Meet

Highlights of the 28th Annual Athletic Meet of St. Joseph's College to be held on the South China Athletic Association ground at Carroll Hill tomorrow will be a 3,000 metre bicycle race open to the Colony and one mile race open to the Combined Services.

Among other interesting events on the programme, which commences at 1 p.m. will be an Open Invitation School Relay, one for boys and another for girls, as well as four events for Old Boys.

Entries for the Open events as well as events for Old Boys will be accepted on the field.

On conclusion of the Meet, prizes will be distributed to the successful contestants by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The following are the Open events:

3,000 metres Bicycle Race open to the Colony. (Prizes donated by Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hanes and the British Bicycle Company). Time: 4.30 p.m.

One mile open to the Combined Services. Time: 4 p.m.

Invitation School Relay (Girls) 4 x 100 metres. Time: 4.15 p.m.

Invitation School Relay (Boys) 4 x 400 metres. Time: 4.30 p.m.